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Russia plunges into crisis

Yeltsin axes Lebed organising a secret 50,000-strong army and was prepared to seize power. after coup rumour

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overwhelming The High Court yesterday

dismissed her challenge to the Human Fartilisation and Embryology Authority, which refused to allow her to

be artificially inseminated with her husband's sperm. It

was taken from him when he

was in a coma with bacterial meningitis, and so he had not

given the required written consent. She will take her case to the Court of Appeal.

Mrs Blood, aged 30, saw Stephen, also 30, her child-hood sweetheart and husband

of four years, fall ill and die within four days 18 months

ago. They desperately wanted

a child, and began trying two
months before he died.

Mrs Blood was "as determined as anyone could be" to

mined as anyone could be" to continue. After losing the case, she struggled through a press conference to explain.
"I think that I have the most right of anybody to my husband's sperm and I desperately wanted his baby. We planned a baby before he died. I just want that back. I don't see why my life as I planned it should have ended.
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"I just feel the whole system is unjust to put me through this, the costs and everything. It seems like

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USSIA was plunged deeper into crisis last night as General Alexander Lebed was draously sacked as security chief

The dismissal came after weeks of tensions between rival courtiers as the ailing surgery, and thrust Gen Lebed into the role of leader of the opposition and the focus for

still in office. nationalist discontent. On Wednesday, the Krem-lin was convulsed by allega-tions from the interior minis-

Plea for support to take sperm case to appeal court

With Moscow on a full security alert, Mr Yeltsin was forced to act. He appeared shakily on nationwide televi-sion and accused Gen Lebed of splitting up his security

team and running an election

race while the president was

"I can no longer tolerate this situation and I am forced to relieve General Lebed of his position as secretary of the security council," Mr Yeltsin said. He then signed Gen Lebed reacted calmly to his dismissal, saying he ter, General Alexander Kulikov, that Gen Lebed was had expected such a step.

"The question was only when. I was the black sheep." lish a regency. He wants to be the dismissal was the leader-sheep the added ominously that without his peacemaking Gen Lebed's sacking means the dismissal was the leader-ship of the rebel Chechen army, with whom the general had negotiated a ceasefire efforts with rebel Chechens, the situation there would de-teriorate. This, he said referring to young army conscripts sent to fight the Che chens - "will be a matter for

Russian mothers" He accused the president's chief of staff, Anatoly Chu-bais, of manipulating Mr Yelt sin to engineer the sacking The trigger for this, he said, had been a package of docu ments naming those respon which Gen Lebed had sent to the president on Tuesday.

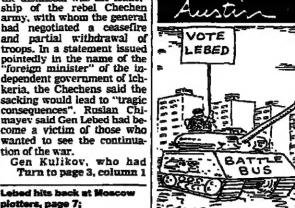
Mr Yeltsin now has no choice but to undergo his operation as soon as possible, in the hope that this will give him a new lease of life. A lame-duck presidency, where the real de cisions are taken by the prime minister, Viktor Cher-nomyrdin, will be too weak to withstand pressure for the president to stand down and for new elections to be called.

The sooner those elections are held the greater Gen Lebed's chances are of winning them. He is currently the most popular man in Russia. Among the first to react to and partial withdrawal of troops. In a statement issued pointedly in the name of the "foreign minister" of the in-dependent government of Ichkeria, the Chechens said the sacking would lead to "tragic consequences". Ruslan Chi mayey said Gen Lebed had be-

Gen Kulikov, who had Turn to page 3, column ;

Lebed hits back at Mo

tion of the war.



Gay bishop fired after same-sex 'marriages'

Madeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

HE only openly homo-sexual bishop in the Church of England has been sacked for blessing same-sex "marriages". The retired Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe who worked in an honorary capacity as an assistant bishop in the diocese of Ripon, North Yorkshire, has been told by the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Rev David

Young, that he can no longer conduct episcopal duties. "It is clear to me that my understanding of the episco-pal role in this diocese and Bishop Derek's understand-ing cannot be reconciled," said Bishop Young in a

statement.

Bishop Rawcliffe, aged 74, voluntarily admitted his homosexuality on a BBC2 Newsnight interview in 1995 and has since become a respected figure in the Christlan gay

rights campaign.
He told BBC Look North yesterday that conducting gay blessing ceremonies was "widespread" within the church. "I'm very disappointed because I want the gay. pointed because I want the gay community to be accepted by the church and for those who are committed in relationships and who wish to have a Christian blessing on that to be able to have it in private."
The Rev Richard Kirker of

the Lesbian and Gay Chris-tian Movement — of which Bishop Rawcliffe is a member said the bishop was being persecuted for his honesty and courage in "coming out" and that such "perty, mean" actions drive gays and lesbi-ans in the Church underground. "Same-sex marriages happen in every diocese. We process 500 applications a year and all the bishops are turning a blind eye. Bishop Rawcliffe has been penalised ever since the BBC inter-

view," said Mr Kirker.

The sacking comes in the wake of threats by Reform, the evangelical group which claims to represent 600 clergy, to boycott bishops who do not oppose practising homosexual ity from taking services.

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> Diane Blood yesterday



had supported Mrs Blood's application in the High Court, had shall also the court, als

"I just feel the whole system is unjust to put me through this, the costs and everything. It seems like people are trying to put a price on justice. For me, justice has no price."

The High Court was told the committee which led to the setting up of the HFEA. She blamed her self, "because we didn't think of the kind of contingency which has actually arisen."

She was certain her committee would have allowed the which may have some influence elsewhere, in Parlia-ment for example." Lord Winston, the leading

sidering a bill in the House of Lords. "I don't see any possible damage to the fabric of our society or its morals if this woman is allowed to have woman, welcomed the ruling. She dismissed suggestions the six-year-old law be reconsidered. "They say hard cases make bad law."

nities increasingly at a pre-mium, and cricket having

already set the tone by plas-tering National Grid over its umpires' coats, the com-

use of Stephen Blood's sperm. Sir Stephen said Baroness the authority's decision warnock had made "a very compelling submission, sidering a bill in the House of woman, welcomed the ruling.

Family friend Paul Plant said a fund-raising effort was underway for the estimated £50,000 appeal costs. "Stephen was one of the nicest blokes you'd ever meet. He wanted children so badly it hurt. He

Referees hesitate over showing red card to sending-off incentive scheme

bookings and sendings off are being encouraged to in-crease their productivity further with an incentive scheme which includes financial awards and holi-days in Florida, writes David

had chaired the committee

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a view to sponsoring the last symbol of impartiality: the referee's red and yellow cards, which in the latest Fifa-inspired clampdown are being brandished so often that they are recog-nised as an ideal marketing

pany contends that its offer remains virtual reality.

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Chaotic Moscow drugs trial ends in six-year sentence

British student sent to Russian labour camp

James Meek in Moscow

N 18-year-old British woman was sentenced to six years in a Russian labour camp yesterday after being convicted of trying to smuggle £600,000 worth of cocaine through the

country. Karen Henderson, the first Briton to enter Russia's noto-riously harsh penal system since the collapse of the USSR, stood impassively in a steel cage in the half-empty Moscow courtroom as an in-terpreter translated the verdict and sentence given by Judge Sergei Lebedev.

As the meaning of the judge's words sank in Henderson's sister Dawn col-lapsed into the arms of a friend. Her parents, Patricla and Hugh, left the court with-out comment.

The British consul, Ian Kydd, who was present in court throughout the trial and has been helping Mr and Mrs Henderson — separated and both living in Holland said later they were shattered by the court's decision.

Henderson, who has been kept in Moscow's fetid, over-crowded Butyrka remand Sheremetyevo airport in February, has seven days to appeal against her conviction for the possession and at-tempted smuggling of 4.6 kilo-

If an appeal fails, she is likely to serve her sentence in the Potma labour camp for foreigners in the autonomous republic of Mordovia. 250 miles south-east of Moscow.

In the course of a chaotic, juryless three-day trial, one of two lay assessors sitting with the judge repeatedly fell asleep, the interpreter made frequent mistranslations, cus-



Karen Henderson closing her eyes yesterday as the Moscow court pronounced its guilty verdict despite her denials

ments produced in evidence showed that more than 100 grammes of cocaine had disappeared between its discovery and the carrying out of chemical analysis.

Henderson, a tourism student at Utrecht university in the Netherlands, was de-

had happened, and docu- zanne Vorstenbosch, as they ments produced in evidence were passing through Moscow on a flight from Miami to Warsaw via Panama, Havana, Shannon and Stockholm.
Customs officers told the court their suspicions had

been aroused by the route the women were taking. They searched their suitcases and toms witnesses admitted they tained by Russian customs of found packages of cocaine had forgotten much of what ficers with a Dutch friend, Suhidden behind false panels.

Vorstenbosch pleaded surrounded by a wall with the main food. Disease, parguilty and was sentenced in watchtowers and a double ticularly tuberculosis, has July to six years' labour. She said she had agreed to smuggle the drugs to Warsaw in exchange for 5,000 Dutch

Most other foreigners in the Potma camp are thought to be Chinese and Vietnamese.

barbed-wire fence. Prisoners live in large barracks and wear coarse blue overalls in summer, quilted jackets in winter.

Convicts who have lived through perestroiks and the fall of communism in the

reached epidemic proportions, and a number of special camps have been set up for

Russian labour camps are camps say they are less brutal ing camps and inmates of desusually sited far from towns, than they used to be. Gruel is perately-needed income.

prisoners with TB. The collapse of central plan-ning has shut most prison workshops, freeing many convicts from labour but depriv-

In 1994, the England mid-

fielder — voted Scottish Player of the Year last sea-

son - admitted he had fre-

quently abused Mrs Gas-

coigne over a two-year

Neither he nor his wife

would comment yesterday, but a friend said they were

meeting at a secret location

country. John Bevan, prosecuting, told the court: "A few grave crimes each year command attention beyond the norm and cause us collec-

The case focused attention on violence in school and the safety of teachers. It led to an amnesty on knives and Petty feud, page 5

Gang leader jailed for murdering school head

the Triads was yesterday or-dered to be detained indefi-nitely for the murder of headmaster Philip Lawrence.
Learco Chindamo, aged 16, of Kentish Town, north London, bowed his head and showed little emotion as a

women found him guilty of the murder last December. Sentencing him to be de tained during Her Majesty's pleasure, the Common Serjeant of London, Judge Neil Denison, told him: "Philip Lawrence was a good man and an inspirational teacher. He dedicated and directed his life to providing a future for young people in his care. You took that life and dimished that future."

Chindamo was given a concurrent four-year sentence for wounding and conspiracy to cause grevious bodily harm to a pupil at St George's Roman Catholic School, Maida Vale, west London, where Lawrence was the headmaster. Another youth aged 15 was also con-victed on these counts and or-dered into local authority care, awaiting reports. He will

The second youth cannot be named but the judge lifted an-other court order which prevented Chindamo's name

from being published during the four-week trial.

The Old Bailey trial heard that Chindamo was a member of the Wo-Sing-Wo gang. which aspired to be the juve-nile equivalent of the Triads. Just days before the murder, he was named in court as an accomplice in the near fatal knife attack on the husband of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills.
On December 8, up to 12

youths linked to the gang, led by Chindamo, went to St George's school to attack a boy who had quarrelled with pupil of Filipino origin. When Lawrence attempted

when Lawrence attempted to protect one of his pupils, he was slapped, punched and finally stabbed by the sneer-ing Chindamo. Lawrence died the same evening. The single stab wound, three inches deep, had penetrated his heart and lung.

Chindamo, then aged 15, later boasted of the murder to

The killing shocked the tively to reflect."



The murder was a tragic example of what can happen when a young. man full of bravado arms himself with a knife'

Det-Supt Brian

their sale. Lawrence's widow Frances who was present throughout the trial, refused to comment after the verdicts were an nounced. A police officer read

a statement from her. It said: "Mrs Lawrence feels that now her place is with her children. She is speaking with each of them on the tele-phone. Mrs Lawrence described her husband's murder as an earthquake which has destabilised the very foundations of their lives.

guide them through the aftermath."

Detective Superintendent Brian Edwards, who led the murder inquiry, said outside the Old Bailey: "The murder of Philip Lawrence was a tragic example of what can so easily happen when a young man full of bravado, lacking in maturity and self-restraint, arms himself with a knife. We can only hope that the lessons are learned from this."

Margaret Ryan, who was appointed head of St George's appointed need to still see a school after the killing, said yesterday: "The trial has brought feelings to the surface that both staff and pupils felt they had dealt with and perhaps put behind them.

"But now they recognise the need to move on. "Children and teachers lost a much loved and respected head teacher and colleague and that will never be

forgotten.'

Rangers stand by Gascoigne and provoke outrage

Stuart Miller

LASGOW Rangers yesterday provoked fury when they refused to act on reports that Paul Gascoigne had severely battered his wife.

a drunken rage at the Glen-eagles Hotel, Perthshire, on Sunday, leaving her with a black eye, bruises to the face, neck and arms, her left arm in a sling and three fingers on her left hand dislocated.

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Amid allegations of a Sheryl.

The football club will not discipline the England midfielder over allegations Rangers' vice-chairman, that he attacked his wife in Donald Findlay QC. in anybody in this club to them on the held, they will not tolerate what he is same loyalty that they give accused of doing."

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Campaigners against do Wednesday's defeat against guage were appalling."

sisted yesterday it was a do- | mestic violence immedimestic matter. "It is not really my concern. We don't own people — we em ploy them.

Mr Findlay said the club would stand by the player.
"If anybody in this club Lesley Irving, of Scottish Women's Aid, said: "They have a responsibility to make it plain that no matter how valuable a player is to them on the field, they

adored the player.

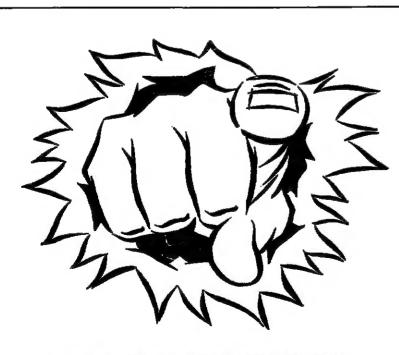
Hotel guests said the couple, who married 14 weeks

Ajax, was giving a danger-

ago, began arguing in the restaurant, where Gas-coigne had been drinking got drunk very quickly and started being extremely

heavily. One diner said: "He abusive to waiters and his wife. His behaviour and lan-

to discuss their future. Sport, page 16



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Gentleman spy's astonishing tale

Review

David McKie

Dispatches

LIVE Russell is a gent. He wears his white hair almost down to his collar, sports the kind of striped ties which signal membership of something fairly expensive. and says "orff", "lorst" and "substarntially". He looks like England's idea of what a characteristic Englishman looks like to people in Buenos Aires. And he has an astonishing tale to tell, featuring such exotic locations as the Naval Club in BA, the Presidential Suite in the Inter-Continental Hotel, and the annual Gas Turbine Fair in Birmingham.

Because of the embargo imposed by the British after the Falklands war, the pride of the Argentine navy is hors de combat. It can't get the spares Russell, a former naval office turned businessman, is approached by Argentine agents to help them put that right. What these saps don't know is that he's been recruited by British intelligence. Soon Rolls Royce parts are being astutely copied in a workshop close to the Catskill mountains. The embargo is thus being flouted, as Russell tells his security minders. Do they promptly try to stop it, as government policy would seem to require? They do not. They are far too pleased with the intelligence Russell is feeding them about Argentine mili-tary preparedness. MI6 took heavy stick, remember, for its failure to predict the Falk-lands invasion. It doesn't intend to be caught again —
even if that means enhancing

the firepower of our former

What drove Russell to blurt all this out to Martyn Gregory on the first in the new series of Channel 4's Dispatches last night? Partly outrage at all

and women who sailed from here to die and be wounded in the Falklands war." But partly resentment at the way he's been treated by "Six," which ran him into trouble by circulating a list of elusive parts to all and sundry, and then when he ran into trouble

dumped him. There are paral-leis here, he suggests, with the case of Paul Henderson of Matrix Churchill whom the customs authorities tried to get for offences well known to the security forces, for whom he too was working: see the Scott Report, passim. But MI6 is not alone in the

dock. According to Robin Robison (said to be formerly of the Joint Intelligence Committee, but otherwise inadequately explained) ministers would not have gone uncon-sulted on matters of such importance. That may not in-clude Malcolm Rifkind (seen berating John Smith for the wickedness of a Labour government in selling arms to the Argentines) but it could have involved foreign secretaries Howe, Hurd and Major, all of whom, one is not surprised to discover, declined to talk to Dispatches. To an untutored eye, it looked last night as if the Official Secrets Act was being broken all over the place. But will Russell or Robison be arraigned? Or asked to testify before more rigorous scrutineers? Probably not, More trouble than it's worth to have these things turned over in public, old boy.

this duplicity: "In my view," he says, "the present government has . . . betrayed the men is love on the cards



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The Labour MP Clare Short and her son Toby Graham yesterday, celebrating their reunion 31 years after she gave him up for adoption

Short finds a new model role

Sarah Boseley on how the Labour MP has put heart into a sensitive matter

LARE Short, euphoric at rediscov-ering her son, was hailed by adoption agencies yesterday as a wonderful role model for the many women from the 1960s and early 70s who felt forced to give up their babies and were made to bury their distress in guilt and shame.

Yesterday Ms Short, aged 50, and Toby Graham, the son she gave up for adoption when she was a penniless student 31 years ago, appeared in public together, united in unmistakeable joy as they held on to each other and laughed and smiled. "Tm very happy
— it's wonderful," said the

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Part of Toby Graham's birth certificate

her frank and open acknowl-edgment of the painful epi-sode in her past that she had so long regretted. Giving up her child, she has said, "was terrible, and it's been terrible ever since ... the big thing at the centre of my life was painful."

for Overseas Development for | and open about it. Women were made to feel filthy and sinful and encouraged not to talk about it." Adoptions peaked in 1968 at 24,861, some 12,000 of which were children given up by single mothers. Last year only 4.645 children

were adopted, roughly half by step-parents. and smiled. "I'm very happy to be a step-parents."

Lee Chambers of BAAF mother. "The just incredibly happy," said the son.
The British Association for Adoption and Fostering praised the shadow minister that she has been so up front step-parents.

Idea Chambers of BAAF Philip Whitehead, Labour child on behalf of the natural parent, to see if they would like information or even contact, many will not.

MEP for Staffordshire East parents.

Philip Whitehead, Labour this properties of the sponsors of the 1975 Bill that allowed adopted children access to their birth docu-

and successfully traced his mother when he was 30.

In the search for part of the jigsaw of identity — one's genetic parent — it was important not to neglect the parent who had brought the adopted child up, he said yesterday. Credit for his upbringing had been given by both Ms Short and Mr Graham to his adoptive parents. 'The messages coming out of the whole Clare Short business are all enormously life-en-hancing for all sides of the triangle," he added.
Mr Graham, a solicitor, found his natural mother four

weeks ago. He began his search about a year ago, spurred on by becoming a father himself. The 1975 law has made it easier for adopted children to find their parents than the other way round. While some adoption agencies will approach an adopted

parents and filed her details with the Adoption Contact Register, held since 1991 by the Office for National Statistics. Details of natural relatives — siblings or grandparents as well as mothers and fathers — who register will be handed over if the adopted

child asks for them. Like most adopted children, however, the Labour MP's son had approached the adoption agency for information about his mother, rather than the register. Now, he said in an interview in the Indepen-dent newspaper, 'I know who I am, where I came from, what my roots are and that bit of my personality that was a vacuum is now filled." His adoptive family had

been "one nation Tories", but, "I was moving towards Labour before I met Clare."

Christine Collins, a Manchester mother who traced the daughter who was taken from her at birth when she was 16, said that during the initial weeks or months "you are on cloud nine, feeling a very deep contenument and very happy ...

"We did have quite a big argument at one point. We ended up not speaking to each other for a couple of months. Then we got back together and were able to laugh about it. It meant we could be nor-mal and fall out and yet al-ways be there for each other." Sometimes, when the eu-phoria dies down, the relationship does not work out, but professionals say that adopted children rarely regret making contact.

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'It isn't all roses. She still blames me for a lot of the problems she has had'

IT was October last year when Helen ishiguro found her daughter. Donna who was born in 1957 as her father disappeared with the last of the American GIs leaving Britain.

Donna was adopted by a wealthy family who promised all the things her wait-ress mother could not give and it took Helen Ishiguro decades of searching to

find her again.
Finally, the International
Social Service tracing agency called to say they had found her.

"It isn't all roses," says Helen Ishiguro. "She has had a difficult life and she is still angry at me for giving her up. It is rosy in the be-ginning and may be it won't happen for Clare Short and her son, but in my case the questions did come with the anger — why did I give ber "It's also nice for Clare

proud of his mother, the MP, and she can be proud of



Helen Ishiguro . . . 'we don't speak much

her son, the solicitor. It was different for us. I'm on welfare and she's delivering pizzas, so there is a bit of inferiority there. It's hard for it all to be rosy when she's scratching for pennies and bringing up three children."

Helen Ishiguro has not seen or spoken to her daugh-ter for almost a year. "I had a card from her yesterday but we don't speak much. She still blames me for a lot of problems she has had in her life. The children keer in contact more than their mother does."

Maggie O'Kane

'I was happy for Clare Short. I just wish that my child was looking for me'

OREEN Devonshire's last sight of her daughter was as a six-week-old baby in a summer floral dress. The year was 1959 and they said goodbye in a mother and baby home in Putney, south London.

In the last two years she has been taking legal action to try to force Westminster council to write to her daughter, now aged 37, telling her that her mother wishes to make contact.

"I just want to know that she is alive and for her to know that if she wants me she can contact me," says Mrs Devonshire. She was 25 and living at

home with her parents when her baby was conceived. She gave birth in a mother-and-baby home. "That's just what you did in the fifties and sixties. There was no unmarried mothers' allowance. Every one said it was the best thing for the baby and I was

selfish to try to keep her." In 1979, Mrs Devonshire

learned that her daughter

but she accepted the adop-tive parents' wishes that Paula should not be told her birth mother had tried to

make contact. Fifteen years later Mrs Devonshire tried again for a reconciliation but was told that the policy of Westminster council, which held her daughter's records, was to forbid contact from the birth mother. "I watched Clare Short on

Doreen Devonshire . . . I just

want to know she is alive

was healthy and artistic.

the news last night and I was happy for her. I just wish that my child was look-ing for me," she said yesterday.

Maggie O'Kane

Tory shooting enthusiast attacks

Ewen MacAskill and Rebecca Smithers

ORY MP John Carlisle.

ban on handguns.
His outburst came as the Government resisted pressure from the Opposition and

selves out of the gun debate. "They have become far too emotional, far too hysterical, on what is a very, very impor-tant national issue." Opposi-

tion MPs reacted with a genu-

have hinted they are opposed

the Government. It depends on how many Tory MPs are either soft on the issue or are worried by public opinion. In a further development, a yesterday it will resist a free leading peer predicted that vote. Although the Liberal the Government could face page 8

Lord Wyatt, a cross-bencher, said: "There are a

issue.

MP slated for Dunblane remarks

'hysterical' demand for total ban

was heavily criticised last night after branding Dunhlane parents as "hysterical" for demanding a total ban on handguns.

Cent. I hope he will withdraw his remarks, if only for the sake of his reputation."

some of the parents of Dun-blane had almost taken them-

ine sense of outrage at Mr Carlisle's remarks. The shadow Scottish secretary, George Robertson, said: "These comments are offensive, bordering on the inde-

The Government will include in the Queen's Speech next week a bill to introduce a sure from the Opposition and some Tories to hold a free vote on a total ban.

Mr Carlisle, MP for Luton North, who lists shooting among his hobbies, said that some of the parents of Dundament force the Government into accepting a condition of the parents of Dundament week a bill to infroduce a ban on the vast majority of handguns, hoping to have the legislation on the statute book by Christmas. But the Opposition hopes it can force the Government into accepting a total ban, and is pressing for a free vote in the hope that it can attract enough Tory MPs. Downing Street insisted

to a total ban on handguns. Labour cannot even be sure

Labour MP for Stockton North, and the pistol captain of the Palace of Westminster rifle club, said yesterday he had to be convinced of the logic of even a partial ban. The firearms legislation after the Hungerford massacre had been a mess from start to fin-ish, he said, adding: "We are in danger of making an even

bigger mess here."
Without the support of the Ulster Unionists, Labour would find it hard to defeat

Democrats and the Scottish "difficulties" in the Lords National Party support a free vote, the Ulster Unionists even its partial ban.

great deal of people in the Lords who are experienced in of total support among its Lords who are experienced in own ranks. Frank Cook, the guns and all kinds of Some will say that the laws are nonsensical. All laws which are directed at one in-

> Labour is pressing to hold the Barnsley East byelection as soon as possible — ideally before Christmas — in case the vote is needed on the guns

cident usually turn out to be

The party is expected to retain the seat — its second safest — which was held by Terry Patchett with a major-ity of 24,777 until his death from cancer last Friday. His funeral was held yesterday.

Russia plunged into crisis after Yeltsin dismisses Lebed

continued from page I fallen out with Gen Lebed ready to support a coup bid. He drafted in interior ministry troops to Moscow, can-celled all police leave and put was "far from thinking about Russia on a security alert coups and mutinies". But Kulikov referring to Gen Lebed, he af-

over the signing of a peace actor an early morning meeting, cord which the Russian and later appeared on televicord which the Russian armed forces regarded as a humiliating defeat, claimed to have intelligence reports that 1,500 armed Chechens were possible over Gen Lebed's claim that Conservative countries are considered. that 30 security service generals were about to be sacked.

crisis. Mr Chernomyrdin tacked the "irresponsibility, summoned his defence chiefs incompetence, a home-grown incompetence, a home-grown Napoleon complex, that are clearly brimming over, especially lately".

However, he did partially support the interior ministers claims that Gen Lebed had

sian Legion", by saying that some of the documents presented to the meeting by Gen Kulikov "did correspond to the meeting by Gen Kulikov". been trying to set up a "Rus-

Gen Lebed, who has threat ened to sue Gen Kulikov, said the claims were nonsense. He confirmed that he had sent documents to the interior and defence ministries proposing the creation of special bri-

gades of 3,000 soldiers in each region. But that he said was only a



Wives of rock stars are forced to confront the fact that they are married to two different people, the Performer and the Private Person. Victoria Clarke on living with Shane MacGowan

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Doctors back call for immediate cash boost of £200 million as wards close and health authorities cancel non-emergency operations

NHS 'faces worst cash shortage in its history'

Chris Mihill Medical Corre

HE health service is facing its worst financial crisis for 10 years, and possibly its worst ever, the British Medi-cal Association warned

yesterday.
The BMA said wards were closing, waiting lists lengthening and in some districts all "cold surgery" — elective operations such as hip replacements — had been cancelled, not just for this financial year but for next year

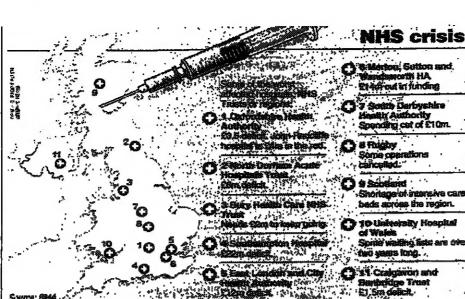
Many hospitals would be operating an "emergency only" policy this winter, and treatment increasingly relied on whether fundholding GPs or health authorities had any money left, rather than how ill the patient was.

BMA denied it was being alarmist but said the health authorities was as severe as, if not worse than, that in 1987-88 which prompted Lady Thatcher to bring in the health changes.

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The BMA produced a list of some 30 "hotspots" around the country, and pointed out that this had been compiled by just 100 of its members in a

"We are facing the worst winter in 10 years, and possi-bly the worst ever," said James Johnson, head of the consultants'

Mr Johnson told a press conference at the BMA's headquarters in London that the health service was paying for cold surgery increase, the price of years of under-otherwise there would be no



made yesterday by the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts which said the NHS needed an immediate injec-tion of some £200 million to cover this financial year, and

at least 3 per cent above infla-tion for next year. There's not enough money in the system — that is the basic problem. It is leading all over the country to wards being mothballed, operating theatres being mothballed and even scarce resources like intensive care beds being closed because there is no

money to staff them." Mr Johnson said a decision had been made at a high polit-

Already some health au-

thorities were planning an emergency-only service for the next financial year. Many districts were refusing to pro vide some expensive dia tic tests, or expensive drugs such as interferon for people with multiple sclerosis.

"Elective surgery patients are no longer being treated on the basis of clinical need but on the basis of whether the purchaser has any money

Sandy Macara, BMA chairman, said the financial crisis was "wider and deeper" than that which prompted the health changes 10 years ago. "Unless [patients] are clearly an emergency they may have to wait in pain and

sis, even though they have an infected hip. That is outrageous.

pending cut of £10m.

Apart from an immediate cash injection, long-term funding had to be increased to levels seen among compara-ble industrialised countries. The internal market needed to be reformed so care was allocated on the basis of clinical

need, not ability to pay.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said: 'Calls for an extra £200 million have to be seen in the context of an expanding ser vice which received £1.3 billion extra last year and has received increases year on year. The NHS is treating more patients and it is being given more money.

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"cold" surgery will increasmore time off work, and are at

What needs to be done to evert a crisis? In the short term, the BMA of Health Authorities and Trusts agr e that £200 millio needs to be injected this flnancial year to keep the ser-

Longer term, the propor-tion of GDP spent on the health service should be inreased. Competition between hospitals, which sees them all trying to maintain every service in order not to lose contracts, should be replaced by



An exploratory operation at Guy's Hospital, London. Such procedures are increasingly cedures are increasingly broadly supports — in the PHOTOGRAPH: ROBIN LAURANCE forthcoming Queen's Speech. threatened as health authorities are forced to cut spending

Labour plan to beat Tory 'bias' in trusts

CCUSATIONS flew ove the politicisation of the NHS yesterday after Labour promised to appoint a local authority "representa-tive" to the board of every health authority and trust.

Chris Smith, shadow health secretary, said Labour would also be investigating ways of ensuring the boards better reflected their local communities and had "proper repre-sentation of staff".

The Tory Party seized on his comments as proof that Labour intends to put councillors and trade union leaders in control of the NHS. A spokesman for Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell said: "This is what is meant by stake-holding giving favour of advancement to Labour's councillors and its trade

union paymasters."
Mr Smith, however, presented his plans as a way of countering Tory bias among non-executive members of health authority and trust

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"I want to resist the tempta tion simply to get rid of all the Tory placemen and placewo-men and replace them with Labour placemen and placewomen," he said. His announcement came at the annual social services conference in Edinburgh, in which he said he was "deeply worried" about the unrepresentative nature of health authorities and trusts.
Chris Vellenoweth, of the

National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said there would be practical problems in trying to match the 108 health authorities in England and Wales, and the 450 trusts, with the 160 social services authorities being created by the new unitary structure.

Mr Smith, whose speech was well received by the 900 delegates, said a Labour government would make an 'early" move to set up a regulatory body for social serfirst time that the body would extend to all social care staff. not just qualified social

Other commitments by Mr Smith included creation of an independent registration and inspection system for care homes and for agencies providing care in people's own homes, and reform of adoption laws if the Government fails to include its planned legislation — which Labour

Health in question: Chris Mihill on how efficiency has been gained at a cost — and demand continues to grow

Is it true that the NHS is better funded than ever before?

Yes. The service received £34.7 billion for the current financial year, an increase of 74 per cent since 1979.

So why is the NHS in crisis

The money is not enough to keep up with the increasing number of elderly people and advances in new technology. There is also an increased ex pectation among patients, partly fuelled by the Patient's Charter, that all illness can be promptly treated.

The average cost of a single episode of geriatric care is £2,700, compared with £1,000 for other specialties. Some modern drugs can cost £10,000 a year. Doctors' pay settle-ments above inflation, and the need to find money to reduce the hours of junior doctors, have added to financial pressures. Most health authorties were given just 1

purchasers and providers

Health authorities act as "purchasers", assessing the needs of their local populations and buying services through "providers" who are mainly the trust hospitals but can also be private companies, community or charity bodies. Fundholding GPs, who have their own budgets. can buy care directly from the

Does that division play a part in the crisis? Yes. Ironically the scheme follow patients" but the orites make block contracts, say 200 hip replacements a year, with their local hospital. If there is a rush of pa-

per cent for growth money

How does the new system of

was meant to allow "money to reverse happens. Health auth-

tients, all the contract money

may be spent in months, This can result in local

people been refused service while the hospital touts for business from neighbouring or even far-flung districts or from fundholding GPs. It means patients who are less ill can leapfrog the queues.

Is the new system more effi cient in treating patients? Yes, but at a cost. Nearly 5 per cent more patients were treated from April to June this year than in the corresponding period the previous year. But hospital stays are becoming shorter and shorter as patients are pushed

through more quickly. In addition, all hospitals must make "efficiency savings" of 3 per cent each year, in effect being asked to do the same or more work for less money. Most have no more fai to cut, and can only make such savings by pushing patients through even faster, jeopardising safety.

Why does increased effi-cency in the NHS seem to make things worse? Highly efficient hospitals, with overheads cut to the bone, find themselves on a

meaning no more patients can tient numbers but decreasing be treated. 3 per cent efficiency cuts.

Will patients be turned away from hospitals? Emergency cases will always be seen, but patients for ingly have to wait. It means patients suffer longer, need a more advanced stage of illness when they have their op-eration, so less likely to do

and the National Association vice going. Next year funding needs to be at least 3 per cent above inflation, instead of the predicted 1 per cent, to pay for expanding numbers.

New doubts arise in the aftermath of Dunblane as opposing factions prepare for battle

The small but deadly .22 guns that will stay legal

Owen Bowcott reports on the growing concern that new curbs on firearms do not go far enough

SENATOR Robert Kennedy was assassinated by the pro-Palestinian gunman, Sirhan Sirhan, in 1968 with the type of .22 calibre pistol which will remain legal under the Government's post-Dunblane restrictions.

A similar size firearm was used by John Hinckley when he loosed off a barrage of shots wounding President Reagan and his press secre-tary before being overpowered by secret service bodyguards in 1981. Smaller and less powerful than large-bore handguns, 22 pistols have nevertheless

been the chosen weapon of a number of hitmen and crimi nals. They are easier to hide and can be just as lethal at

Close range.

As the ramifications of the Government's ban sank in yesterday, there was growing concern among gun-control groups that many small-cali-bre, semi-automatics would

be left in circulation. Despite initial reports that only single shot .22s would be permitted under the new restrictions, the Home Office yesterday confirmed that small calibre revolvers and self-loading pistols would remain legal



Robert Kennedy and Ronald Reagan . . . both attacked with

to 12 rounds, while certain semi-automatic pistols have magazine clips carrying up to 10 shots. Lord Cullen, in his report, specifically expressed fears about the speed with which a 22 semi-automatic could be fired.

are imported," says Richard Law, general secretary of the Shooters' Rights Association. "Beretta in Italy, Taurus in Brazil, Smith and Wesson and Colt in the United States all "Mossad, the Israeli intelli-

'The problem with small guns is they are kept for self-defence. But they are too small to appear a threat. So there's more chance of having to use them.'

small pistols are popular among women and some men. Less bulky and cheaper than a .44 Magnum or a 9mm weapon, they can easily be concealed in a handbag or a trouser pocket.

gence service, uses semi-automatics for some killings. The Snowdrop group have clai-medy that the .22 is the commonest killer in the US. We say that the .22 is the most common killer worldwide.

"The problem with small guns in the States is that they that such firearms are for are kept for self-defence, to bles in 1973. They were not more than just sport. "Almost frighten people off. But they returned to their owners.

are not big enough to appear a threat. So there's more chance of having to use

At the only manufacturer of single-shot 22 pistols in Brit-ain. May of London (Gun-makers) Ltd. sald yesterday they were despondent. Even though his prestige target weapons remain legal, Ron May fears the restrictions on storage will eventually drive his firm out of business. "I think we may survive for some time but most gun clubs are just ranges; they don't have sophisticated armour-ies. There will be suicides among those whose livelyhoods depended on this

One Northern Ireland surgeon who has had to treat hundreds of gunshot victims suggested it would have been better to ban all semi-automatics and self-loading pistols rather than larger calibre weapons.
"If Thomas Hamilton had

had a semi-automatic 22, he might have caused almost as much carnage," said Dr Laur-ence Rocke, a consultant at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hos-pital. "Any lirearm is deadly." A semi-automatic 22 isn't much less dangerous than than a .38 weapon, but I didn't even expect the Government to go as far as it has done. If people are now saying they should ban all these weapons because they are dangerous, then perhaps they should ban shotguns too?"

Ireland is the only European country where all handguns are banned. Dublin requested that they be handed in at the height of the Troubles in 1973. They were never

Tory rebels aim for total ban

Handgun revolt is those Conservatives, in the creating another Tory split, reports **Alan Travis**

THE growing band of rebel Tory MPs who threaten to defy the Gov-ernment's line on a limited ban on handguns cuts right across the party's ideological spectrum.

The group of four MPs who port for a complete handgun ban share only the fact that they sit for London surburban constituencies.

The former Tory cabinet minister, David Mellor, and Hugh Dykes and Robert Hughes, who both hold Harrow seats, may all broadly be described as being on the liberal wing of the Conservative Party. But the latest recruit to their cause, Terry Dicks, the MP for Hayes and Harlington, is firmly from the right.

Mr Dicks sald yesterday most people would not be sat-isfied with anything less than a ban on all 200,000 handguns in Britain and he would not or britain and ne would not yote to leave guns in the hands of "half a dozen people who want to play cowboys and Indians at the Olympics". Mr Hughes, MP for Harrow West, made his commitment to a total ban when he became a patron of the Gun Control Network and to the Control

Network earlier this year.

Labour claim there are another other 30 rebels who might join them in voting to ban 22 calibre handguns. Even more worrying for Michael How-

Commons and in the Lords, who believe the 80 per cent ban will mean the end of the "the noble sport of shooting". The traditional pool of "hunting, shooting, fishing" Tories is now much smaller was. Sir Cranley Onslow, Sir Hector Monro and even the Attorney General, Sir Nicho.

group.
Not all would push their criticisms as far as voting against the Government. Typical is Sir Henry Bellingham who argued yesterday that many farmers, wildfowlers and gamekeepers now

las Lyell, are among this

fear for their sport. Others are more interested in target shooting itself, espe-cially those with an army back-ground, such as Andrew Ro-bathan, the MP for Nigel Lawson's old seat of Blaby, who was a Coldstream Guards officer and David Tredinnick, MP for Bosworth, who served in the Grenadler Guards.

And then there are those who are likely to reflect the views of the shooting organi-sations, such as Michael Col-vin, the MP for Romsey, and vice-chairman of the British Field Sports Society.

Peter Atkinson, MP for Hexham, was director of public affairs for the British Field Sports Society until 1992. The Government will also

face a rough ride in the Lords. Lord Wyatt made warning noises yesterday and found support from the crossbencher, Lord Monson, who declared that Mr Howard was being "extremely draconian" calibre handguns. Even more worrying for Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is the potential rebellion of cherished pistols.







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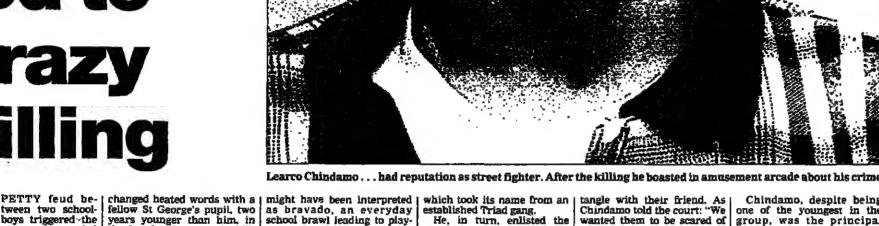
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MURDER OF A HEADMASTER: Vivek Chaudhary on gang culture of violence which claimed life of Philip Lawrence



School feud led to crazy killing



killing of headmaster Philip Lawrence as his pupils streamed out of St George's

One of the youths convicted alongside Learco Chindamo

Roman Catholic school in

Maida Vale, west London, at the end of a school day last

events that ended

in the senseless

fellow St George's pupil, two years younger than him, in the days leading up to the kill-ing. There had been pushing and shoving between the two

boys, leading to a fight which was broken up by teachers. The youth, of Flipino ori-gin like Chindamo, had boasted of being a Triad and made threats against the younger pupil, vowing to bring people to St George's to beat him up. In another age it street gang known as the 14K, on the boy who had dared to

might have been interpreted | which took its name from an as bravado, an everyday school brawl leading to playground promises retribution.

cuting, told the court: "Gone are the days when fisticuffs in a playground in a fair fight were thought reasonable."
As tension between the two continued, the Filipino youth

established Triad gang. He, in turn, enlisted the help of Learco Chindamo, who had a fearsome reputa-But, as John Bevan, prosetion as a street fighter and troublemaker and was a member of the Wo-Sing-Wo, (WSW) another street gang made up mainly of Oriental youths, which also took its

name from a Triad gang. Their aim was to execute swift and harsh punishment

tangle with their friend. As Chindamo, despite being chindamo told the court: "We wanted them to be scared of group, was the principal us when we got there [St George's] — to go there to tell them not to mess about with Filipino boys in the school."

youths from various parts of north London, all linked to military precision.

On the day of Mr Law-rence's killing, up to 12 the WSW or other gangs met at King's Cross station in a rendezvous co-ordinated with on Friday December 8, Mr

organiser.

Most of the 12 had their faces covered as they approached St George's, which

Chindamo, despite being

on a busy main road in Maida Vale. At least two had weapons — one carried a pole and Chindamo, as group leader, a knife.

Lawrence was standing as



Philip Lawrence's widow Frances leaving the Old Bailey

teacher.'

usual outside the gates to en-sure his pupils set off safely for home. He was laughing and chatting. trated his left lung and ventri-cle of his heart. Chindamo disposed of the knife and made his way to a

The 15-year-old Filipino youth from St George's approached the 13-year-old boy he had been quarrelling with outside the main entrance and offered to take him around the corpor for a "one." around the corner for a "one-

on-one" fight.

The boy, seeing the recoption party lurking nearby, began moving away when he was struck over the head with an iron bar. He began running, his head

bleeding, as the gang chased after him. Mr Lawrence saw the trouble and attempted to

intervene. Chindamo, dressed in a black jacket with its bood up over a back-to-front baseball cap, was confronted by Mr Lawrence, who adopted a non-threatening and concil-latory stance with his hands in his pockets," the court was

Chindamo, who according to friends often carried a knife or another weapon, slapped the headmaster in the face, kicked him on the leg and then stabbed him under the left armpit.

Mr Lawrence staggered through groups of horrified pupils, many of them crying and screaming, and collapsed in the school lobby. Paramed-ics who rushed to the scene opened up his chest at the scene and performed emer-gency heart massage. He died after seven hours of surgery at St Mary's hospital, Paddington.

The stab wound had pene-

King's Cross amusement ar-cade where he often spent his time while playing truant from school. The Old Bailey trial was told that he bragged to a friend about "killing a

Chindamo, who had been expelled from two previous schools, was confident that his reputation would prevent anyone from talking to the police. But it was the evi-dence of two young witnesses that led to his arrest and helped secure his conviction. One of them, a pupil at St

George's, knew him. He ini-tially kept quiet but later told one of the many trauma counsellors brought into St Georges that he saw Chin-damo attack the headmaster. The second, a former mem-ber of the WSW, was with the

gang when the attack took place and, breaking the strict code of silence, told the court that he saw Chindamo stab Mr Lawrence.

The Cambridge-educated headmaster, who was mar-ried with four children. played an active part in his Catholic parish life in Ealing, west London.

In an interview with a local newspaper, just hours before his death. Mr Lawrence spoke about his passionate commitment to instilling Christian values in his pupils. Refer-ring to violence on the street he said: "Our biggest worry is life outside the school. We try to make sure the undesirables



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Mixing myth with menace as street youths ape their fierce Triad elders and Asians are also permitted to join but white youths are excluded.

Gangs

some of them are members of the WSW, which has ac-quired a ferocious reputation in the area, some of it rooted in reality and some of it based on urban myths of gangsters, guns and vio-

The Old Bailey trial

gang members.
The killing of Philip Law-rence not only drew A ROUND the back streets of King's Cross station, the names Triad or Wo-Sing-Wo (WSW) are well-known to many of the loitering youngsters, often playing and 14K, which have taken many of the loitering youth gangs like the WSW youngsters, often playing truant from school. ruant from school. their names from estab-Like Learco Chindamo lished, international Triad

> four main Triad gangs op-erating in Britain, the Wo-Sing-Wo; 14K; Sun Yee On Triad and the Sui Fong. The question is whether

which means big brother and allows holders to give orders to lower-ranking

gling, protection rackets and drug running. There are believed to be

beard that Chindamo had the youth gangs are simply been a member of the WSW made up of boys trying to for almost a year. He paid his subscriptions and rose to the "rank" of Tal Lo. attempted to recruit school young ones who know the boasting that he could and Chindamo were just the kids in WSW and were up, guys who had guns. We never actually saw that but he was always going on attempted to recruit school young ones who know the

vear officers in London such claims.

Chindamo draws most of its as having a below-average recruits from young Orientals living in north and But he gloried in his west London. Young blacks and Asians are also permit-

Other youth gangs known to be operating in the area of north London where Chindamo lived include the Black Dragons, mainly Oriental and black youths, and the Latino Lions, mainly south American youths.

The young Triads have also set their own fashionstyle, often wearing baggy trousers and dying the front of their hair with a blond streak while growing a little rat tail at the back. According to a former WSW member, Chindamo often carried out "petty jobs" for older members in

return for payment and often spent weekends in London's Chinatown.
The former WSW member said: "People like me and Chindamo were just the kids in WSW and were

to reject suggestions of or-ganised Triad recruitment cause they will always have in schools although last good back-up." year officers in London A regular truent, Chin-started an inquiry into damo had been expelled

children. Police are quick | older guys think they can

from two previous schools, The schoolboy WSW of and was described in court

But he gloried in his membership of the WSW, acquiring a reputation as a formidable street fighter who often carried a weapon. He was considered to be

the top fighter in his school and was confident that even after Mr Lawrence's killing, those who knew of his involvement would be too frightened to talk to police.
A WSW member said:

"When you want to join you get set a task. It might be to go and beat someone up or mug someone. You swear an oath and promise never to grass on your mates.

A former classmate of Chindamo said: "A lot of him are keeping a low

profile.
"Chindamo was always boasting that he could

Security

Safety drive may be hit by government cash hitch

John Carvel

ONTRACTORS will over Othe next few weeks install closed-circuit TV cameras and a video entry system at St George's Roman Catholic school in Maida Vale, as part of a programme by Westminster city council to strengthen security in its secondary schools. Headmaster Philip of staff. In other schools a Lawrence's death could not start is being made on imhave been prevented by extra safety features inside his school, but it triggered intenpupils could be better cate with each other and



outside St George's school

from the street is permanently attended by a member proving perimeter fencing, installing push-button entry systems and establishing prosive study of how teachers and | cedures for staff to communipolice in an emergency.

At St George's, visitors are now confronted by a locked door and the only entrance police and other experts made

A working group of teaching unions, local authorities, inappropriate for schools to one of the biggest school in the provements in the country.

police to stop and search and penalties for carrying knives on school premises which came into force last month. The group warned that such measures could never be sufficient to provide total protection because - as Lord Cullen repeated on Wednesday in his Dunblane report — schools which want to welcome pupils and parents cannot be turned into fortresses.

But the Government's promise of "substantial" addi-tional resources from next April is to be implemented through a school grants programme which requires gov-ernors and local authorities to provide 40 per cent of total project costs.

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Schools cannot be expected to provide new security systems from their own hardpressed resources or for local

22 recommendations in May, in a Home Office competition including extra powers for for money to fund closed-cirfor money to fund closed-cir-cuit television, as St George's school has done. In Middlesbrough where 12-

year-old Nikki Conroy was knifed to death by an intruder during a maths lesson last year, the council is bidding for a £100,000 school security budget next year. "The pros pect of cutting other services to pay for security, or of parents fund-raising to provide for children's security, is absolutely scandalous", said Ashok Kumar, vice-chairman of the education committee.

Margaret Ryan, Mr Lawrence's successor as head-teacher at St George's, said her school's goal was to ignore the cameras at the gate and get back to normal. Governors were considering a memorial to Mr Lawrence, possibly a dedicated garden.

But Mrs Ryan said the finest memorial was the school's success in exam results only six months after his murder. authorities to have to top up | This year, 20.2 per cent of Government grants with final year children got at least money diverted from other live top-grade GCSEs, almost educational needs." It was double last year's score and inappropriate for schools to one of the biggest school imBanks deny diverting assets of Holocaust victims

Jewish funds 'went to Swiss citizens'

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

WISS bankers yester-day angrily denied charges from the United States that they had "blatantly benefited from the Holocaust" by di-verting money plundered from murdered Jews to citizens of Switzerland.

The denial came after a fusillade of new charges from the powerful Senate banking committee which is investigating worldwide allegations that the banks hoarded gold and other assets stolen from Jewish victims of the Nazls. The controversy has already led to pressure on Switzerland by campaigners in the US, Israel and Britain.

The committee chairman, Republican senator Alfonse d'Amato, said new documents showed Switzerland had to funnel Jewish money to

Mr D'Amato charged that the Swiss agreed a 1949 pact with Poland to compensate Swiss citizens for property confiscated by the communist regime — by supplying them with the assets of murdered Polish Jews. Similar deals were later agreed with Hun-gary and Czechoslovakia, the

had agreements with

ion Henley in Helsinki

ITHUANIA goes to the polls this weekend in a

appears likely to buck the trend it set four years ago when it became the first East

European state to vote former

communists back into power.

Reeling from the economic collapse which followed

independence, Lithuanians

voted overwhelmingly in 1992

for the former communists of the Lithuanian Democratic

But with the former com-

munists mired by corruption

able to improve the lot of most people, the last opinion poll before Sunday's election

showed the rightwing Home-

eneral election which

none of those is secret," a Swiss foreign ministry spokesman, Jean-Philippe Tissieres, insisted yesterday. "Our archives are open and none is related to the subject

In an emotional hearing in New York, Holocaust survi-vors wept as they told how Zurich banks had blocked their efforts to recover inheritances. The bankers stonewalled requests to trace old accounts and even demanded death certificates for people who had been killed in Nazi camps, the witnesses said.

Mr D'Amato said the evidence pointed to a pattern of

deceit and effective theft by the banks. He accused the Swiss of deliberate stalling by establishing a commission which would

report on links to the Nazis. Yesterday Swiss officials said they needed more time to investigate the fresh charges. But they defended their record, insisting they wanted to return wartime assets to their

rightful owners. Sylvia Matile, a spokes-woman for the Swise Bankers Association, said an ombudsman was now in place to help almost 1,000 claimants track down family accounts, and that the demand for death certificates had been dropped.

Lithuania swings right

first post-communist presi-

dent — with a four-point lead

Analysts expect the Home-land Union and its rightwing

allies, the Christian Democrats, to win more than a quarter of the votes — more than twice as many as the

LDLP — and form the next

eovernment, possibly in coali-

"A lot of people, especially

farmers, the poor and the pen-

sioners, pinned a lot of hope on the LDLP, and they have been very disappointed," said

Arturas Racas, a political commentator with the lead-

ing Lithuanian daily, Lietu-

"They're more than ready give Landsbergis and his

autas Landsbergis, the country's independence hero and Mr Landsbergis, a mild

Jewish representatives which will investigate whether the Swiss engaged in serious obstruction.

Yesterday's developments came as the British Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, reassured the New Yorksed World Jewish Congress that Britain and the US were investigating a proposal to give an estimated six tonnes of gold seized from the Nazis to Holocaust survivors. The gold is thought to be worth \$75 million.

But Mr D'Amato is unlikely to be placated easily. With a tough re-election battle for his New York seat expected in 1998, he is keen to stick with an issue that has captured the imagination of US Jews -- a key group in New York

In the latest hearing he said new documents showed that the depth of Swiss-Nazi colpreviously thought. He said the Germans invested up to prises and sold the Swiss hun-dreds of millions of dollars of

stolen gold.

Mr D'Amato said the Swiss then cheated the Allies by claiming they held only \$250 million in Nazi assets, and passing on only half that sum in compensation.
He also charged that the Swiss handed over only

She also pointed to an inde-pendent panel of bankers and fraction of the real haul.

Mr Landsbergis, a mild-mannered music professor

who led Lithuania's secession

from the Soviet Union in 1991,

is still outspokenly anti-Rus-sian. Analysts fear his rheto-ric could lead to tense rela-

If his party does well, he is widely expected to become

Speaker of parliament and prepare for a presidential campaign in 1998, making

way for his close friend, the Homeland Union leader Gedi-

minas Vagnorius, to become

the next prime minister.
Although a strict austerity
programme has reduced infla-

tion, the official average monthly wage is only £110; a United Nations put real in-

comes at about 35 per cent

less. Pensioners are expected

tions with Moscow.



French day of protest fails to bring Paris to a halt

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

RENCH trade union leaders yesterday called on public sector workers to step up stop pages this winter. But a day of demonstrations proved smaller than expected, as only about 30 per cent of workers went on strike against government auster-

against government austerity measures.

Airports, schools and rail services were worst hit by yesterday's strike call to the country's 5 million civil servants. But there was little disruption to the Metro in Paris or to national

postal services. More than 50,000 civil servants, augmented by electricity, gas, telecom-munication and hospital workers, marched through Paris under the banner: "Work, the public sector

and spending power".

Up to 30,000 marchers gathered in cities including Strasbourg and Toulouse. Police said up to 25,000

Bordeaux, where Alain | called on public servants to Juppé, the prime minister,

Those who marched through drizzle in Paris were largely gloomy about the prospects of a workerled winter of discontent to match the near-general strike which hit France last November and December.

There is not the dynamic we saw last year. People are resigned to job cuts'

An opinion poll for the daily Le Parisien newspaper showed 64 per cent of citizens sympathised with

Seven trade unions of all political complexions had called the strike and Louis trade union movement.

create a "movement even stronger than last year's. create a tween public and private sector workers".

But on the streets, enthusiasm was muted. Florence Touré, a 45-year-old nurse from a hospital in Greater Paris, said: "There is not the dynamic that we saw last year. People are resigned to job cuts." Hubert Lornet, a mainte-

nance worker with Paris city council, said: "There are 45,000 employees at the town hall but only 350 people have turned up for the demo. People are scared of losing their jobs and gloomy about the state of France. But they seem more ready to believe that the answer lies with the National Front than with a workers' movement.

The strikes and demo strations reflect widespread disenchantment with President Jacques



Viannet, secretary general Chirac, who promised Public sector workers use posters and masks to protest in of the Communist-led CGT when he was elected in May Paris yesterday against the government's austerity

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moured. — Reuter.

News in brief

Protesters jam Belgian traffic

Tens of thousands of demonstrators and strikers took to the streets throughout Belgium for the fourth day yester-day, demanding an overhaul of the judicial system, which is widely seen as incompetent and corrupt.

Marches on courthouses and att-ins at intersections created long traffic jams. — AP.

Japan to rescue Japan, the world's largest aid donor to developing nations, is directing more assistance to central Asia, one of the most promising areas in the region, government officials say. — Reuter.

'Kidnap' family A man, identified as Rainer K, his wife and their 26-year-old napping Jakub Fiszmann, a Frankfurt millionaire the

still missing, German officials said yesterday. — AP. Children 'for sale' A leading Nigerian human rights group, the Constitu-tional Rights Project, yesterday claimed a frightening surge in the sale of children

into bonded labour, prost-itution and domestic slav-ery.—Reuter. Cuba awaits Lili Cuba was braced yesterday for the arrival of Hurricane Lili as thousands of people were evacuated from their homes in Havana.—Reuter.

Pageant stays put Miss World organisers said yesterday they would not move the contest from the southern Indian city of Bangalore, despite protests by women and political activists. A move to Goa had been ru-

Italy picks Kohl's brains on single currency push

Rome, following Spain's lead, is hoping to achieve a cosmetic balance on the key day." win easier entry conditions for monetary union. ian Traynor reports from Bonn

TALY'S prime minister, Romano Prodi, arrived in Bonn last night, hot on the heels of his Spanish counter-part, to seek help from Chancellor Helmut Kohl in his drive to meet the criteria for the single European Although little was dis-closed about last night's talks,

Mr Prodi was expected to try to gauge from Mr Kohl how strict the Germans are about the qualification procedure for the single currency. He also sought German backing, despite hostility from France, for Italy to

rejoin the exchange rate mechanism. It is widely believed that Italy will not qualify for European monetary union (EMU) at the beginning of 1999

Last night's talks followed a quick visit to Germany on Tuesday by the Spanish prime minister, José Maria Aznar, who discussed similar issues with Mr Rohl.

They came a day after the European Commission issued recommendations for a single currency "stability pact" term fiscal rigour demanded by Germany's central bank. The Italian and Spanish vis-

its to Bonn confirmed that the countdown to the single cur-rency has begun. Budget performances next year will de-cide who will be allowed to join the single currency club. Germany, France, Italy and Spain are making swingeing tain beauty treatments which spending cuts and austerity seem to serve solely to plug some of the EMU gap.

drives to meet the single cur-rency criteria, but it is unlikely that Spain or Italy will pass the test next year.
It is also possible that Germany and France will not qualify.

Political expediency may

mean that the criteria have to be effectively relaxed, a move that would be fiercely resisted by the Bundesbank. Projections this week by Deutsche Bank Research sug-

gest that next year none of the four countries will meet the criteria laid down in the Maastricht treaty. Italy's state debt is pro-jected at double the EMU

threshold and its budget deficit 40 per cent above it. Spain would also fail. The report says: "It must be de-cided politically whether Spain can join the first group of EMU countries."

French hopes of qualifying rest on a one-off budget windfall of almost £5 billion from

France Telecom.
Such creative accounting has led Italy and Spain to be-lieve that the rules can be bent for them too, much to the annoyance of the Bundes-bank which is an advocate of

stringent fiscal probity.
"Single-year results alone, especially when produced by one-off effects, are not enough," the Bundesbank chief, Hans Tletmeyer, said last weekend in a clear reference to the French ruse. "I am sceptical about cer-

The Bundesbank is not keen either on the European Commission's EMU stability pact, which is unclear on when excessive deficits can-

The pact also makes pun-ishment for budgetary sin-ners a political decision by economic criteria.

The pact, a German idea, is aimed at selling the single currency to a sceptical Ger-man public by assuring it that the euro will be as strong as

the mark. But Theo Waigel, the Gerinitiated the proposals, is stuck between the public and Bundesbank at home, and key EU partners who want a more

flexible approach. He and Mr Tietmeyer clashed on the pact at recent meetings in Washington.

"There can be no grounds for doubts that the currency union will establish and consolidate a culture of stability." Mr Tietmeyer said last weekend. "Otherwise we in the Bundesbank cannot con-

ceive of a currency union." But Germany's drive to meet the criteria was buffeted this week when a plan to freeze child benefit from next year was dropped. It has also been disclosed that tax reve-nues and privatisation returns will yield less next year than initially estimated.

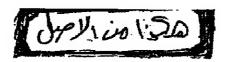
The analysts Deutsche Mor-gan Grenfell estimate that Mr Kohl's scheme to cut spend-ing by DM 70 billion may de

liver only half that amount.
The German government is now considering whether to increase the tax on petrol to



"If film-makers can't change the world, we can at least wake people up, give them something to think about." Radical film-maker Jo Menell

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Sacking gives Kremlin's black sheep the freedom to fight for power

Lebed hits back at **Moscow plotters**

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USSIA'S sacked security chief, Alexander Lebed, last night accused President relisin's chief of staff, Anatoly Chubais, of taking over the running of the country from a head of state who was elderly and ill"

But Gen Lebed vowed he would not campaign openly for power before the next election. "I have no intention of carrying out a presidential campaign while there is a living president," he told

He seemed in his element last night, relishing the role of outsider and appearing al-most relieved to be able to lash out at the intrigues within the Kremlin without fear of punishment.

"The decision (to sack me) was perfectly natural." he said. "The only question was when. I was the black sheep

He expressed regret and concern about the future of the Chechen peace process, which he engineered and which the apparent victor in by himself. Everyone else the latest political settling of tries to help as much as they accounts, interior minister Anatoly Kulikov, has de-

dential decree sacking him | documents containing his from his two main jobs — as security council secretary and national security adviser — conflict. did not specifically mention his third, the presidential representative to Chechenia He assumed he had been dis-

missed from this post too.

"It would be a great pity if, as a result of the actions of individuals very close to where we are now, military action in Chechenia were to

action in Chechenia were to begin again," he said.

"I have not the slightest regret at the loss of my first two posts. I'm not made to be a bureaucrat — I can't bow and scrape, I can't be a servant. But I do regret the loss of the third duty. I'm very sorry about that." sorry about that."
He accused Mr Chubais of

trying to become Russia's leader, and suggested he had been behind Mr Yeltsin's decision to sack him.

"I just got in the way of Chubais's attempts to estab-lish a regency," he said. "He wants to be president and he is saving up money for this." Asked who was running the country, apart from Mr Chubais, he said: "Just Chubais,

can."
He said he was dismissed Gen Lebed said the presiTuesday he sent Mr Yeltsin

Tuesday he sent Mr Yeltsin

Gen Lebed was vague about accusations be had been trying to set up a paramilitary force in the country, the Russian Legion, saying only that the documents relating to the plan — not drawn up by him
— had been discussion papers
only and had not been secret.
He was also unclear about

why he had chosen to support Mr Yeltsin's unpopular former chief bodyguard, Alexander Korzhakov, in his attempts to enter politics.
He said he had no intention of using compromising mate-rial about leading Kremlin-figures which Mr Korzhakov

claims to possess.

His plans, he said, included helping his new political party, Truth and Order, to prepare for the next election, trying to assist the Chechen peace process and encourag-ing "the relationship between Nato and Russia to acquire a

more civilised form". He said he had received in vitations from organisations in the United States and Britain among others which he would now take up in the hope of shaping Europe's



Out . . . Alexander Lebed, sacked by Boris Yeltsin, never hid his presidential ambitions

West fears for Chechen peace

ESTERN governments kept their bets on President Yeltsin yesterday, insisting that the sacking of General Alexander Lebed would not affect rela-tions with Moscow.

But they expressed concern at the prospect of more fight-ing in Chechenia, where Gen Lebed forged a fragile peace between local separatists and the Russian government. "We consider this a Rus-sian internal political mat-

sian internal political mat-ter," a White House official said. "President Yeltsin is the elected president and has taken a step which is clearly within his constitutional

prerogatives."
William Perry, the United
States defence secretary, was
briefing journalists in Moscow and raised an eyebrow as be was handed a note with the news, hours before he was

due to meet the general.

"The relationship between
Mr Lebed and US officials
never really had a chance to develop, and so I don't see any fundamental change in the US-Russian relationship," he

the White House that the defence ministry appeared loyal to Mr Yeltsin, and was com-mitted to continuing the strategic arms reduction process

under Start-2.
The Clinton administration's reaction was mainly one of relief that the crisis had not erupted a day earlier, throwing a wild card into the final election debate with the Republican challenger Bob Dole, who has been itching to attack President Clinton's 'feckless' foreign policy

In London, a Foreign Office statement said it hoped the sacking would not "adversely affect the Chechenia peace

Anxious to avoid sugges-tions of improper intrusion into Russia's internal affairs, the secretary-general of Nato, Javier Solana, declined to comment on Gen Lebed's

sacking. But Nato officials said they regretted the departure of a man who had come to represent a pragmatic and constructive approach in rela-tions with the Western

alliance. His visit to Brussels 10 days ago raised hopes that Nato and Russia would be able to

Maverick plans comeback as government wobbles

Alexander Lebed is too ambitious for the political wilderness and is regrouping already, writes **David Hearst** in Moscow

ENERAL Alexander
Lebed, the former
paratrooper who in
July stepped into the
breach to save the Russian
election for a president most popular man in the who had just suffered a heart attack, lasted 121

days in office.

For most of the time the secretary of the security council was anything but politically secure. — He talked incessantly —

often to the foreign press— about his ambition to step into the shoes of President Boris Yeltsin. He ousted one defence minister and ken truces. He secured a ceasefire, laid the basis for a partial troop withdrawal, and was hailed a hero by

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the separatists. Gen Lebed never performed the role of political son and heir briefly be-stowed on him by Mr Yeltsin, and growled repeatedly in his many press conferences and almost daily interviews: "I am not a gov-ernment functionary".

He lambasted the govern-ment, and called for the president to stand down for the duration of his hospitalisation, saying a sick man could not run the country. He even offered to resign. As one Russian journalist observed yesterday, having Gen Lebed on your team was like have a tank manoeuvring on an English

country.

Mr Yeltsin's political skill has been to balance his governments with rival teams of politicians whose bickering keeps everyone in their place. He has just lost one of the main counterweights to the ambitious but so far publicly loyal prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. Gen Lebed's dismissal

means that Mr Yeltsin now has to hang on to power for ice of the Chechen conflict, the fiery general did not oblige his opponents by getting mired in a set of hand. become a political one.

Gen Lebed's removal has harmed Mr Yeltsin's politi-cal standing. He will be seen to have cynically thrown overboard the ally who won him 10 million

Gen Lebed leaves power but he will not enter the po-litical wilderness. He leaves with Mr Yeltsin's former confidant and bodyguard, General Alexander

Korzhakov, at his side. In the increasingly turbulent days that led up to yes-terday's dismissal, Gen Korzhakov had been in the thick of claims and counterclaims about corruption in the highest echelons of power. His target was Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff, Auatoly Chubais, who, he claimed, had profited from the president's illness by such thing.

usurping power using Mr Yelisin's younger daughter, Tatiana Djachenko. Mr Chubais, a cool head

under fire and a brillant organiser, fought back. But the battle was getting too hot. It was only a matter of time before one of them had

Gen Lebed and Gen Korz hakov have already begun their political campaign. The former had to give up the parliamentary seat he won in Tula, the home of the parachute regiment where he trained, and of

kov in the by-election. Unlike Mr Chernomyr-din, Gen Lebed is not tainted with the accumulated political dirt of four years of power. There are no stories about Gen Lebed building million-dollar dachas for himself and his

Faced with this challenge, it is likely that the Kremlin's generals and advisers will try to close ranks, at least for a few weeks.

The Chechen separatists were last night warning that deals reached with Moscow could come un-stuck. Troop reinforcenents have been brought into the capital. Last night Gen Lebed's

praetorian guard, the offi-cers of his former command, the 14th army in Transdniestr, offered to come to Moscow to defend their beloved general. Ex-tending a steadying hand, his reply was typical. "Be caim, lads. We are not going to get heated about this. All the limits of bloodletting are exhausted. We will all the limits of bloodletting are exhausted. We will only follow in a legal path." Gen Lebed knows that in Russia today, there is no

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'I thought he would draw the necessary conclusions' HE following is part of President Yeltsin's tele-

vised speech announcing the sacking of Alexander Lebed. "I would like to say a few words about the situation regarding General Lebed. Un-fortunately, the situation has turned out rather badly. Some time ago he offered to resign and I told him he had to learn to work with all state organi-sations and leaders. I told him: You have to learn how to do this, and then it will be easier for you to resolve problems." Well, we parted. I did not

accept his resignation, think-ing he would draw the necessary conclusions. He did not.
"Now it looks as though
some kind of election race is under way. The election will not be held until the year 2000 and already we have a situation where everyone seems to want to take part in an election. Of course, such a situa tion can no longer be tolerated.
"On the contrary, there has

to be a united team; and the team should pull together. But now we have a situation whereby Lebed is pulling the

team apart.
"I cannot tolerate this situation any longer and I am obliged to relieve General Lebed of his duties as Secretary of the Security Council."

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Tottering on the vortex

Yeltsin's clumsy action bodes ill for the future

new danger by his inept resolution of the Kremlin power struggle. The security chief Alexander Lebed may be shrouded in darkness but so are those who are attacking him. Mr Lebed has at least brought a sort of peace to Chechenia. His principal opponent, interior minister Anatoly Kulikov, had brought appalling death and savage destruction. By choosing one side, Mr Yeltsin has narrowed his options and set a precedent which will discourage future political compromise. It is impossible to interpret this clumsy move as anything other than the lurching of a very sick man. And that opens another whole realm of imminent danger.

Shaky in outward appearance as well as in political reality, Mr Yeltsin in his statement yesterday evening on national television failed to offer credible grounds for his drastic action. His incoherent invoking of the need for a "unified team" was a statement of the obvious, but there has not been such a team since his re-election, nor for a long time before. The effect of the sacking is to appear to offer presidential endorsement for the wild charges against Mr Lebed by Mr Kulikov, although they were not actually mentioned. These alleged that the security chief had secret plans to create a "Russian legion" of 50,000 elite forces to prepare to seize power, and that Mr Lebed was backed by the separatists in Chechenia. (Mr Kulikov, who comes from the neighbouring Stavropol region, has a special dislike of the Chechens). Even the fence-sitting prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin — to whom Mr Kulikov claims to have submitted documents of proof - has said this is absurd. Mr Lebed is indeed proposing a new force to deal with the internal crime wave — which would diplomatic talk about not commenting clearly be a rival to the incompetent and undisciplined forces under Mr Ku-

BORIS YELTSIN has blundered into likov. But the idea that he would use Chechen gunmen to seize power in Moscow appears to be total fantasy.

There are, it goes without saying, no angels in the Kremlin power struggle. Mr Yeltsin's specific complaint is that Mr Lebed has formed an alliance with Alexander Korzhakov, the head of the presidential bodyguard who ironically lost his job in the wake of the tactical alliance formed between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Lebed in the second round of the presidential campaign. At the time Mr Lebed himself raised many justified eyebrows with his admiration for Genera Pinochet and his hints that Russia was not yet ripe for democracy. The cautious Mr Chernomyrdin has failed to interve with authority, reckoning to profit from the descent into factional warfare. Mr Kulikov and Mr Lebed both represent much the same tendency in the ex-Soviet army: a younger generation of patriotic and pugnacious generals who reject both the old Communist outlook and the increasingly weak search for a democratic way forward. They behave with a bearish disregard for political accommodation and the prospect of Mr Lebed as a future president - a role he was not shy in claiming during the election - is unsettling. But what happened yesterday is no solution but just another twist in the spiral downwards to chaos.

There are now fresh doubts about Mr Yeltsin's ability to survive his forthcoming heart surgery in any state to continue presidential rule — if at all. Last night Mr Lebed blamed his dismissal on Yeltsin's chief of staff Anatoly Chubais (another self-serving player) and said he would start preparing now for the next elections. Mr Yeltsin's action solves nothing and only sharpens the contradictions. No amount of

Mr Neil Hamilton rests his case

Not, alas, in court. In the hallowed pages of the Spectator

the Northwich Chronicle, published this week the verdict of local voters on their MP (they want him to spend more time with Mrs Hamilton.) Hamilton appealed for clemency on the grounds that "my side of the story has not been printed." That may have been true on Wednesday, but it is true no longer. This week's Spectator has allowed Mr Hamilton two pages in which to present his case. It is a fascinating glimpse of the arguments he would have placed before a High Court judge and jury if he had not lost his nerve at the 11th hour. Mr Hamilton has two arguments: a) Mr Mohammed Al Fayed has been proved to be a liar; and b) there's no reliable corroborative evidence he ever took any cash. Both points are interesting. On b) there were in fact three people prepared to testify on oath in court that they had witnessed Mr Hamilton taking cash. Mr Hamilton could, of course, have challenged their testimony in court. He didn't. Why take the risk, when it is so much cosier to argue it out in the pages of the Spectator?

But a) is in many ways the more interesting argument. The central ground for Hamilton's charge that Al Fayed is a proven liar is that the DTI's inspectors implicitly reached that conclusion in their report into the Lonrho-Fayed feud. That report was published on March 30 1989. So it is instructive to see how Hamilton behaved thereafter in been declared dishonest.

NEIL HAMILTON'S local newspaper | The answer is that Hamilton paily carried on meeting Al Fayed and asking questions on his behalf. In the fortnight after the bombshell revelation about Al Fayed he submitted no fewer than four written questions aimed at Lonrho. On April 7, 1989, Hamilton also wrote to the DTI about alleged trading links between Lonrho and Libya. A week later he was at it again, tabling an early day motion calling on Rowland to divest himself of links with the Observer. Not content with that, he promptly tabled yet another motion calling for an immediate investigation into Lonrho links with Colonel Gadaffi. The ceaseless toil soon bore fruit: he received a letter from Peter Lilley in June saying that there would indeed be an investigation into Lonrho's Libyan links. In late September. 1989 - a full five months after the DTI inspector's damning report -Hamilton took his wife Christine to stay for three days as guests at Balnagown, Al Fayed's Scottish castle. Thus refreshed, he returned to the fray again. asking the Home Secretary to prosecute two police officers said to have been involved in leaking the DTI report. If Hamilton was worried about Al Fayed being a proven liar this pattern of behaviour on his behalf was a funny

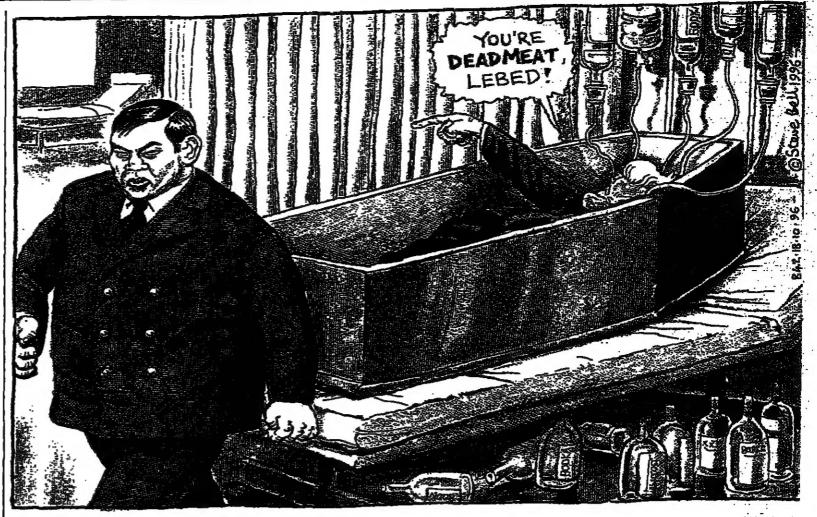
way of showing it. Similarly, if the Spectator article is truly the best Hamilton can do, it is little wonder he dropped the court case. It is a shame the Spectator sells so few relation to a man who had officially copies in Tatton. The voters there could do with some light relief.

The eternal joy of motherhood

Clare Short's reunion is bliss for her and a model for others

CLARE Short did more than just a good turn to herself in placing her name on the register where adopted people can look for their birth parents. Her joy at her reunion with her son — whom she gave up for adoption in 1964 when he was six weeks old and she was an 18year-old student - will have brought pleasure to all those who read the exuberant accounts yesterday. Mother and refound son hugged each other for the press but even cynical Fleet Street photographers recognised this was not confected. The couple have enjoyed a euphoric reunion. But in addition to helping herself — and her son — Ms Short has helped two other groups: the thousands of women who gave up babies in the 1960s who may want to search for their children but feel ashamed at having given a baby away; and the thousands of people who were adopted who are searching for their birth parents.

Ms Short rightly feels no shame only pain for what happened in the 1960s. It may only have been three decades ago but it was another world where women were not counselled before they gave up babies and respectable single girls did not become pregnant before they got married. Over 12,000 gave up babies for adoption every year in the 1960s compared to 350 in the 1990s. The 1967 Abortion Act, the introduction of the contraceptive pill, and changing social attitudes towards single parents have transformed the scene but still left hundreds of thousands of women feeling loss and pain. Now they may be less wary about a reunion with their children. Not all reunions will be as successful. Even euphoric reunions can get tougher later on. But few adopted people, even those with an unsuccessful reunion, regret searching for their roots. Everyone has a right to know who they are.



Letters to the Editor

A shoot-out over the gun ban

apologists are claiming that voters in rural constituencies are likely to oppose the Government's stance. I live in a tiny farming village in Warwickshire and, like all my neighbours, I wel-come Michael Howard's proposals ('We will not compromise', October 17). I also reject the shooting in-

dustry's claim that the Government has been "panicked into pandering to public opinlon". True, public opinion is overwhelmingly against the gun freaks. But one of the tenets of our democracy is that Members of Parliament represent the wishes of electors, so surely the Tories have at last done something that is both popular and right. Andy Farquarson. The Green, Broadwell,

CAN anyone tell me how banning a small hole-boring tool will prevent the men-tally sick and emotionally unstable from finally losing • Guns must be stored in se their grip on reality and tak-ing it out on their

the loss of their (presumably) innocent hobbies would be better spent on increasing the support given to the mentally ill? The current debate has been catalysed by a man who | Herts HP4.

Switched off

light on whether the Government is aiming to ban itself from selling arms to countries we know to have should have begun the legisla-tion process in the immediate aftermath of Dunblane. atrocious human-rights records?

Jo Brown. Clapham Road, London SW9.

HERE is nothing to stop the Government legislating for the use of shotguns as well. I make the following

 Shotguns should be limited solely to pest control on agri-cultural land. Annually renewable licences for shotguns should be held in the name of either

the land-owner or tenant. The licence would register all The maximum number of shotguns and registered users should be determined in relation to acreage owned or tenanted. No more than one licence for any piece of land.

cure safe-type cabinets with at least two separate keys. community?

Surely the money spent on compensating gun owners for can be exercised while at the same time limiting the number of guns in existence. P G de Hoest.

Upper Hall Park, Rerkhamsted

However, Mr Mellor has not been willing in the past to do much more than call for gun control through the me-

agree with David Mellor (No

guns in the House, October 14) that the Government

dium of our national newspapers. When we wrote to him in March, offering our help and resources in run-ning an effective campaign. he merely said that we should write to our local MP express-

ing our views. As long as MPs such as Mr Mellor continue to be all talk and no action, it will be left to people such as the Dunblane parents to fight for legislation that all same people back. We expect more from our parliamentary representatives. Fiona Harcombe. Campaign Organiser, British Safety Council, Chancellors Road,

WHAT annoys me most as a pistol shooter is not the logic behind a ban, but

that it only applies to the ownership of pistols. I find it a bit hard to take the collective hypocrisy of a society that pillories me because of the activities of a

lone pervert, but at the same | Dorset DT8.

THE British Safety Council time kills with hardly a murheartily endorses banning private handguns. We per year with motor cars. per year with motor cars. M G F Matthews. Montefiore Avenue.

> Kent CT11. WHAT concerns me is the state of mind of the lobbyists who demand "rights" the freedom to play with kill-

er weapons. Whilst on active service be tween 1940 and 1945 I was very much aware of the snap, crackle and pop of bullets tearing into flesh and bone,

and of what little one could do for damaged human bodies. All credit to the women who are crystallising the national response to Dun-blane, and who are not prepared to allow ministers of governments to pass the chil-dren by "on the other side." J Plant

(Ex RAF Medical Branch.) Hilton Lane, Walsall WS6.

N competitive rifle shoot-ing, the targets are the traditional kind is of concentric circles. On pistol or handgun ranges, the targets are imita-

tions of human beings.

Walkden House,
This says everything: the 10 Melton Street psychology of pistol shooters is one of killing.
P R Millest. Hogshill Street,

Bad sports

AVING scanned many issues of the Sunday Sport and its ugly sister, I wholly endorse Natasha Wal-

ter's plea for their top-shelv-

ing (The sport of misogyny, October 16). However, this is

not purely a women's issue.

Foreigners, gays and people

with disabilities are frequent

targets of journalistic abuse in the "news" columns. Low-

achieving and emotionally

vulnerable adolescents are urged to be "proud to poke". An Are You Macho? quiz pub-

lished in the Daily Sport on

August 9, 1995, allotted six

points for drinking 15 pints in

a night and not throwing up and 10 for "bonking" a mate's mum and letting him watch.

Huge and often violent head-ers adorn the sports sections.

Analysis of their style and

content must be included in

media and general-studies

programmes at school and FE

llege level.

Nuns Way, Cambridge CB4.

Margaret Moore.

Key opens a new debate

A NOTHER "bypass" on a trunk road, another local MP claiming universal local support and exhaustive public inquiries revealing this as the only possible solution to the town's traffic problems (Duel carriageway, October 15). Salisbury is not Newbury, however. Whereas the whol A34 is dual carriageway, most of the A36 is single carriageway and, now various other schemes on the route have been scrapped, is likely to

remain so. The inquiry into the bypa should be reopened. But let's look at better public transport, "green commuter plans" to cut local car commuting, safe routes to schools, better pedesfrian and cycle routes. buses to surrounding villages. better use of rail for the strategic Bristol/South Coast freight traffic. The previous inquiry, like all road inquiries, was not allowed to dis-cuss such options. Until we consider all options, places like Newbury and Salisbury will continue to get destructive non-solutions

Stephen Joseph. Director, Transport 2000. London NW1 22J.

N 1993 the Department of Transport admitted at a public inquiry into a proposed bypass through the then roads minister's own constituency that it would not solve the city's local traffic problems — indeed, it was never intended to. The city? Salisbury. The minister? Robert Key.

In 1995, a former roads min-ister who was responsible for the destruction of Twyford Down admitted that, "with hindsight", the road should have been put in a tunnel. His

name? Robert Key. In 1988, topsoil from a superstore development was dumped on some priceless river meadows. The local MP was outraged. The same MP now believes that to dump a million tons of chalk on to the same river meadows would only cause "minor" environmental damage. His name?

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Robert Key. Most of Salisbury's traffic is generated entirely within the city. The city's peak-hour traffic problems are caused by too many people commuting by car, too many people driving to the out-of-town Tesco. A bypass can only make things worse.

(Green Party PPC, Salisbury.) 5 Rogers Close. Salisbury SP2 9AU.

DEAF old pensioners like me also detest automatic switchboards (Letters, Octo-ber 15 & 16). A useful tip: simply tap keys at random. After a couple of baffled attempts, the machine switches into its 'Oh, we've got a right one here" mode and transfers you over to a human manager, who is obliged to help you. LB Austin. 9 Tremadoc Road, London SW4 7NF.

So the National Health Service needs another £200 million this year to avoid a cash crisis. That is what taxpayers are paying for Trident every two months. Patricia M Tricker. 31 New Village Road, Little Weighton,

East Yorkshire HU20 3XH. Please include a full postal etters, and a telephone numi We may edit letters: shorter

ones are more likely to appear.

ledge those not used.

We regret we cannot



Pure Genius or low cunning?

THERE is another side to the Pure Genius site that has not received due atten-tion in the media (The seeds on stony ground, October 16). It hosted not only a human community but also a unique ecology. The London Wildlife Trust first visited the site shortly after it was occupied by The Land Is Ours in May. Over 250 species of wild flowers were recorded — in-cluding plants extremely rare in London. On a visit to the site this week, we found that Guinness have not been content with evicting the people

living there and demolishing their dwellings, they have also clear-felled a row of London plane trees and are in the process of bulldozing the rest of the site. Is it coincidental that this took place the very day before the London Ecology Committee meets to con-sider the adoption of this site as a Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation? Graham Turnbull. Director, London Wildlife Trust. 80 York Way, London N1 9AG.

Yes and No to the Referendum Party advert

YET again a prominent pro-European integrationist — in this case Sir Leon Brittan (Not guilty, Sir James, Oc tober 16) — is waffling on about how we are not gov-erned by Brussels and how joining the single currency is in our interests

People like Sir Leon argue that we should join the single currency because it is "in the British interest". This considers only the economic beneers only the economic benefits, with no thought for any cultural or social implications. I am sure that anybody who woted Yes to join the Common Market did not expect it to lead to pubs not being allowed to sell Guest beers, or petrol sold in litres. We were told we were joining a trading group and it was in the British interest.

It is the differences which

It is the differences which make France, or any other country, attractive. We are already on an established path committee compromise towards convergence in all as-pects. This should be resisted. Rob Mcintyre. 20 Lamb Close Newark, Notts NG24 4RT.

THE advertisement from the Referendum Party (October 15) was obviously intended to outrage and shock. Yet it made no such impact or me. My first thought was that I hope these various Europe-ans on display will do a better job than our discredited Westminster politicians.

And my second thought was that the Referendum Party's pitch - that our Westminster system somehow protects our "national inde-pendence" against these "un-elected officials" — is a joke. There is no longer any "national independence" to

The main function of our The main function of our Westminster politicians is no longer to act as a representative forum for our democracy; but rather to perpetuate the highly centralised Westminster state and thus frustrate the development of level. the development of local regional and truly "national" democracy. (Dr) Stephen Haseler.

Professor of Government. 2 Thackeray House, Ansdell Stre

YOU say (Leader, October 14) that the proper course for Britain over EMU is "constructive delay". Of course, it is right to see if the single European currency goes ahead — as now seems in-creasingly likely. We shall also have to fulfil the Mazstricht criteria before we are entitled to join — though that too now seems likely.

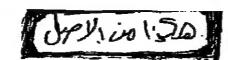
However, you argue that we should "watch and wait" to see if EMU works. Your hesitation is partly because Brit-ain is "historically inflation prone". But the main advan-tage of membership of the euro is that it would let us shake off our inflationary past in favour of a creatible. past in favour of a credible stable and low-inflation monstary policy. Currently, our long-term interest rates are 1.5 to 2 per cent above those of Germany and France; partici-pation in EMU would remove

that gap and lead to higher investment and more jobs. Giles Radice MP. Chairman, The European Movement. House of Commons, London SWIA GAA

A Country Diary ***************************

> in Kenneth Graham's classic The Wind in the Willows was likeable character. In fact he was not a rat at all but a water vole (arvicola terrestris) and because the species are alike in appearance, vole numbers have been seriously depleted. All over Britain they have disappeared from 70 per cent of sites. The Northumberland Wildlife Trust is handing out survey leaflets to encourage volun-teers to report sightings (tele-phone 0191-2846834 if you can help). There are two colonies at the Hauxley nature reserve. Water voles lead a semi-aquatic life although they tend to make winter retreats away from the river bank, occasionally storing root veg, potatoes and turnips for winter sustenance. They do not actually hibernate. My brother kept one as a pet. It became quite tame but my parents made him release it on the Wansbeck river bank where he had originally found it. They said that a water vole must have access to a depth of water so it can

NORTHUMBERLAND: Ratty, | plunge bathe: without this it would become blind. They were knowlegeable naturalists so were probably right. I remember the thick fur of the little animal, the black eyes, short thickset limbs, and the tiny ears buried in the fur. differentiating it from a rat. Their nests resemble a reed warbler's — a small construc-tion of vegetation secured on reeds and rushes several inches above the water. Her-ons prey on water voles as well as mink, owls, stoats and weasels so the little beasts have many natural predators. Nevertheless they have been around a long time; remains have been found in various British caves as well as in the brick earths of the Thames Valley. Water voles carry their young rather as dogs do their puppies, transferring them, still blind and helpless, from one safe dwelling to another. They are diurnal, especially in spring and autumn. Characteristic signs are runs in vegetation on river banks and little piles of droppings. ess than a centimetre long VERONICA HEATH





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IFE and art, art and life . . . truly one is Rory Bremner, the other Mike Yarwood. On the day the wondrous tale of Clare Short's reunion with her son emerged, an excitable call is received from the Riviera. It is Val Corbett, wife of Labour MP Robin, and co-author with Milady Pollard and Joyce Hopkirk of Splash! and the recent masterwork Best Of Enemies. "You read Best Of Enemies — you didn't just skim it, did you?— so you'll understand," she says.
Umm ... "Look, in the book, the MP had a baby very young but his girl-friend gave it up for adoption and they split up — and then, years later, they got married. It's exactly what happened to Clare Short." Good God. "Do you know, we agonised for months over whether anyone would believe such a thing, and now it's happened in real life." It is a miracle. val refuses to discuss any preternatural properties their third novel might possess (they are almost halfway through it, so they must have been writing solidly since Tuesday), saying only: "You won't be disappointed." Plenty of rumpy, then? "Oh yes, but we don't like what we call PIV sex." "Penis in va . . ?" Yes, well, thank you very much, and

N King's Parade, news-letter for alumni of King's College, Cam-bridge, is not only the usual begging for money, but also early warning of two lectures commemorating the 50th anniversary of John Maynard Keynes's death. Keynes is one of the two highly distinguished people to emerge from King's this century. Happily, the picture accompanying the announcement is of the other, EM Forster.

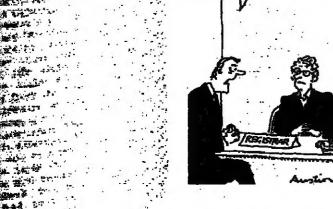
AGER to impress new editor Rosie Boycott, Independent on Sunday hacks have been studying her last edition of Esquire for some direction. and they have found it in the cover story. "Soaper-models! . . . Britain's sexi-est soap actresses take a break from incest, family feuds and pulling pints," it says, while on the inside pages, some of them also take a break from wearing their bras. Neal Ascherson is working on a piece en-titled "What their panties say about New Labour's front bench stunners" for his first column under the new regime. Meanwhile Alan Watkins has been musing confusedly over a contents-page blurb promising an in-depth look at "the brave, the smoochworthy, droolsome, whifftastic world of teenage

EANWHILE, in party mood after the sacking of Miss Boycott's admirable predecessor Peter Wilby, Monty Montgomery held a bash at the Victoria & Albert museum. Although one or two journalists may have gatecrashed, the guests were almost entirely advertisers. of course, and they enjoyed Monty's speech. His entire pitch, it seems, was a celebration of what makes his paper different . . . how drastically it has cut its staff, and how it costs much less to produce than any other paper. Monty can afford to celebrate, of course. having pocketed over £1 million from share options this year alone.

N early Happy Birth-day! to Mandy Man-delson, who turns 43 on Monday. Oofy Wegg-Prosser denies that the party will include a laser show bounced off St Paul's Cathedral, a conga round Trafalgar Square and a 70s disco at the YMCA. All that remained was to ask him to pass on our best birthday wishes. "Err, yes," said Oofy.

NTERVIEWED in the NTERVIEWED IN THE New York Post, the Duchess of York (impertinently referred to as "Fergnson") is asked whether, if she emigrates to America, she would choose New York or California? "I'm not going to say where," says Fergle, "but I will say that the Midwest gets overlooked." Yes, but of course. The Midwest . . . Montana, Ohio and Nebraska . . . the Bible Belt, home of simple, farmin' folk and the moral it sounds just perfect.

I ONEY WANT TO BE SURE THAT MY PARENTS AREN'T POLITICIANS.



Expensive noises in the Murdoch engine

Commentary Peter **Preston**

T's one mystery the insight team has never touched. What really happened to Andrew Neil? One moment he was the Sun-day papers. The next — the Sondra Locke of British jour-nalism — he could only be sighted dabbling ephemerally in Murdoch boodle and doomed TV projects far away before leaving the Rupe/Clint love-in nest forever. Why did the earth move so calamitously for Andrew? After the

palimoney, the acrimoney.
We are about to be told why.
Eager readers of Neil's imminent memoirs will have their own theories. Maybe Mr Murdoch was secretly envi-ous of his star editor's feline prose, innate modesty and sparkling wit. (Other star edi-tors will be assessing that for the Guardian next week). Would it be India, or more Maybe — to update a running from China, next?

metaphor — Rupert is the Neil (via an anonymous

Mick Jagger of serial sackers. | British minister) hears how Maybe he can't stand any hired hand stealing his thunder. (Read all about that in the Guardian on Monday.) But the essential Neil thesis, already stirring a few headlines, is far more jolting. The final boom was lowered, he says, because his Sunday Times was bad for bigger We're back in March 1994 and the Sunday Times (amongst others) is full of Ma-

Pergau dams. "You're boring people." Rupert shouts down the phone at Neil. "You're doing much too much on Malaysia. Page after page of it, which nobody can understand. Malaysia doesn't merit all this coverage. They're all corrupt in that part of the world." Neil notes that Murdoch had just dumped the BBC Television World Ser-vice from his Asian Star satellite to appease the Chinese government: and that Malaysia's incensed Prime Minister Mahathir is poised to open his own Star wars with News International. One "prosper-ous, fast-growing tiger economy" closed to satellite trade for the foreseeable future.

the Pergau row blew itself out 15 months later with a direct quote from the Britain's own High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur. Any residual prob-lems? "Not since Murdoch fixed it with Mahathir. The PM made it clear that Murdoch would never do business in his country so long as Andrew Neil was editor of the Sunday Times". Mahathir himself is reportedly told by Murdoch that a "rogue editor" has been "sorted out". aysian back-handers and

It is, of course, true that lit-

erary reminiscences from what Neil himself used to call "the ex-editors club" tend to wallow generically in hind-sight, self-justification and vainglory. It's also true that, on this rendition, Rupert Murdoch did nothing the British Government wouldn't have done itself if it had had the chance. Nevertheless: serious, sea-change stuff. We have grown sloppily used to thinking of Mr Mur-doch as some pre-millennial Citizen Kane, a media baron — with added charisma and deal-making flair — deter-mined to inflict his views of the world on the world. He

flicted. But that is only part of the story: and probably the

older, tireder part.

John Major, to be sure, is
still supposed to quake when Rupert calls the Sun. Tony Blair will jet away to an Aus-tralian island (with Malay-sla's Deputy Prime Minister, as it transpires) and present his winsome self for Murdoch inspection. The impression is of nervy politicians paying court. Yet, increasingly, it's difficult to know who's wooing whom. Mr Mahathir, it eems, was not unctuously seeking favours: he was de-manding them. The empire wasn't striking back: it was scrabbling for an accomoda-

That is not, coolly considered, so very surprising. The empire isn't a panzer div-ision, but a scattered sprawl of territorials. Its global base

You're boring people,' Rupert shouts down the phone, 'You're doing much too much on Malaysia'

camp depends on a bewilder ing mesh of companies and shifting tax regimes. Individ-ual nation states — keeping their most precious sports terrestrial or chomping after a news coverage that suits them — can exercise a deal of clout. The further the empire stretches into satellites and movies and American netdoes indeed have views. And works, the more potentially (as ex-eds from Derek Jame embarrassing or otiose son to Kelvin MacKenzie attest) they are ruthlessly in-

Post in Hong Kong when, pro-spectively, every post-1997 news story it runs may get up Beijing's nose? Meanwhile, as Rupert slogs on through the Times/Telegraph price-cutting campaign, does he exalt that one cinema hit like Inde-

beside the point? The questions, in short, are changing. The Murdoch per-spective is changing. And the future, in turn, needs adjustment. Business is pragmatic, not ideological Business dic-tates that (even) nation states are easier to deal with than federalist superstates. America, full of restrictions, was a pain to break into. Why sit back and let that happen all over again as a united Europe begins to feel its oats? Your newspapers can help there, turning ideological to order. But when it comes to films

television, pragmatism squeezes out political beliefs. The multi-media mass market is international, ubiqui-tous and therefore bland. It wants no waves made. It wants to be left alone to make money. And here the newspaper fit becomes much edgier. Newspapers have national roots, and identities. They can be used tactically to browbeat governments. But, strategically, they can't be bland. They are tools to help build an empire, but not sus-

and sport and the explosion of

Andrew Neil thinks he was the first spanner in the works. Too amazingly modest of him. I cather wonder if he wasn't the first rasping choke of the Big End, about to give up the ghost.

tain it.

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Bel Littlejohn

E? I'M a people person Ask anyone - or at least anyone I'm still talking to: you can't trust the others, you really can't, not one little bit. And as a selfconfessed people person. I'm overwhelmingly concerned and I don't often admit this, it's a very private thing — to make those worse off than me feel good about themselves.

I give as much as I can. Of

course, when I say "give as much as I can". I don't mean financially. I mean spiri-tually. Let's face it, people worse off don't want all the extra sheer bloody worry of dealing with my hard-earned cash. They're in enough mess as it is, without the extra hassle of accountancy. What these people really want, even if they don't know it, blessis my spiritual

This isn't to say that I'm not generous with my donations. It's a very, very private thing, and I don't really want to talk about it. Basically, I'd hate people to realise how generous I am, and how far my sarrifices go. So let's just put it like this. If I see a stooped figure outside my nearest superstore (have you tried the new freeze-dried Waitrose Vegetarian Tikka Masala with Sultanas and Lemongrass? It's to die for) rattling a collecting box for this charity or that, I never pass them by without giving them a huge great big smile of encouragement, a smile that says, "I'm with you all the way, but sadly I've got my last-minute shopping to do --must rush!"

And from the way they look back at me - serious, con-cerned, their faces wreathed in sorrow but now with a renewed sense of optimism — I think they admire me for making the effort. For them, as for me, Good Karma is half

the battle won.
And, in all modesty, I can see how their spotting Ms Bel Littlejohn of the Guardian makes all the difference in the world, keeping them go-ing through the sleet and the snow, knowing that they can return home soaking wet and tell their partner, "Guess who smiled on me today — Bel Littlejohn frum the Guardian — a very busy and concerned lady, but never too busy for a smile" or words to when she's not forcing the sick

rather one "charity" in par-ticular (note the ironic quota-tion marks — and remember

the supreme mistress of irony!). Yup, you've got it — Mother Teresa and her Sis-ters of Charity. Anyone who read last Monday's searing Guardian piece about her socalled organisation, or who has read Chris Hitchens's nes read Chris Hitchens's remarkably measured biography of that lady. Worse Than Hitler, will know quite how dreadful it is. As the article said, there's one feature about Mother Teresa which really sticks in the guilly they are sticks in the gullet: she's only interested in keeping them

 FACT: Her homes have far too many people in them, and a lot of them are really not well enough for ordinary decent helpers to mix with That article spelt out the fact in damning detail that one of her homes alone has greedily allowed in 50,000 people since it opened in 1952 - small wonder room service is so

• FACT: There are no CDs in her homes, no woks, no Extra Virgin Oil, no French films on video, precious few modern novels, no duvets, no sun-ray lamps, no focaccia bread. 1 suppose the lady thinks, in her Almighty way,

that these basic commodities are just that little bit too good for her lowly clientele.

• FACT: Mother Teresa ignores all Western medical advice and, in her high-handed arrogant way, can't bloody well be bothered to put factor 15 sun-lotion on her face — hence the leathery skin and mass of wrinkles.

• FACT: Far from being the

self-proclaimed "little old lady who has devoted her life to the who has devoted her life to the good of others", Mother Teresa is a PR supremo brilliantly skilled at manipulating the media. After Hitchens's book appeared, she cold-bloodedly refused to appear on Start The Week, the Late Show, Wogan and Noel's House Party, thus defits turning his attack on defily turning his attack on her to her advantage. Makes you think, eh?

ND while this diminu-

A tive PR wizard is galli-vanting around on an ego trip, dragging the less-well-off into her homes and then denying them access to all kinds of visual and intellectual stimulation (the new Berto-lucci is still not available in Calcutta, despite repeated requests from many influential people in the London media), we leading columnists at the Guardian are doing our level best to make this alling world get well soon. Opinions are our first-aid kits, paragraphs our pills, words our syringes, photo-bylines our bandages; and we do whatever we can, come rain or shine, to make to lie down in her homes, just And it's about charity that I swaggers around the chat-address myself today. Or show circuit looking 'holy''. But then, I'm a people per-son, and that's a term that would mean nothing to Mother also that I am recognised as Yow-Know-Who. Nuff said.



Felicity Collier argues that although adoption procedures have improved greatly since Clare Short's day, the Government must not let slip its Bill for further reform

Four parents, one child

son Toby Graham, has provided us with a good-news story. In talking about her feelings at the time she relinquished her son for adoption 31 years ago, she has described the pain she has lived with since that time; but overall her son's adoption has had a very suc-

Such a positive outcome should be available to more adopted children — an oppor-tunity now offered by a draft Adoption Bill being considered by the Government. Yet there are worrying signs that this Bill will not be part of the Queen's Speech. If so, it will mark a step backwards in the tremendous progress made since Clare Short chose to put her son up for adoption.

We do know that a rela-

tively small number of adopted adults try to contact their birth parents, and a much larger proportion want to know about the circumstances of their adoption.

Adopted people often do not seek information until their seek information until t 30s. or even later, and we know that there are key times in people's lives when this give assistance with childcare need is triggered: marriage, the birth of a child or the death of an adoptive parent death of an adoptive parent of a carrierally of a continue studying if that is her wish. death of an adoptive parent may suddenly create a tre-mendous urge for people to Clearly, adoption is one of

LARE SHORT, tive parents are able to under-happily reunited with her adopted son Toby Graham, has provided us good-news story. In support. Finding a birth sense of guit and offer their support. Finding a birth parent very rarely diminishes the strength of the bond be-tween adopted parents and their child: Toby Graham's experience shows how much he valued his adopting he valued his adoptive information over the years. father's support. "Real" parents will be the people who nurtured us through our childhood, helped us through

grows up. She might hand over photographs and letters, and in many cases will have the opportunity for some lim-ited contact and exchange of But there are still gaps in the law, which the new draft Bill needs to fill at the earliest

opportunity. The pain de-scribed by Clare Short Is just

portive family throughout its life. Children who have experienced numerous moves in difficulties and provided a scribed by Clare Short is just one sign that the Bill will public care are over-represent mean there is not a place for a valuable but different provided a scribed by Clare Short is just one sign that the Bill will public care are over-representation on the street, and are less likely to

Some feel it would be a betrayal of their adoptive parents to trace their birth parents. It is vital that adoptive parents understand the importance which 'identity' can assume

grant to allow her to care for her child. Universities often

learn about their origins.

Some children and young people feel that it would be a betrayal of their adoptive parents to trace their birth parents. It is vital that adop

relationship between an adoptive child and his or her birth narents.

adoption in the 1960s and achieve a good education, stable employment and close relationships in later life. The If a young woman at university today finds that she is pregnant, she has access to benefits or an increase in her by post-adoption advice in future years.

The Bill will place a duty on adoption agencies, including all local authorities, to proof counselling.

Clearly, adoption is one of the options that such a young woman will wish to consider

ling to all participants in the adoption process (although resources must still be made woman will wish to consider

Adoption Bill will make it easier to provide a stable home life for children who cannot live with their own families. It introduces "placement orders", which let local Bill in a similar form to the authorities apply to the current one, and it should be courts to place children in "a relatively trouble-free public care, for whom there is zone" for the Government in

grow up much better in-formed about their parents. It their children in past years are thought to have needed help from mental-health serren reaching 18 to gain access to information about their birth parents. It will also rat-Every child needs the advantage of a loving and supprocedures for the adoption of children from overseas. This

will help to prevent child-trafficking and private adop-

tion. Yet there are indications that the Government may not be planning to include the Bill in the Queen's Speech, despite the commitment with which John Bowis introduced it in March. This is unaccept-able: children in this country have waited too long to be further delayed. The reasons include apparent concern that it might have as difficult a passage through the House as the Family Law Bill, which the Government might not wish to risk with a small majority. However, Chris Smith said yesterday that the Labour Party would support a

Felicity Collier is Director of the British Agencies for Adoption

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Lost master's grand finale

1980s that the composer Berthold Goldschmidt, who has died aged 93, began to get the recognition he deserved. In 1988. Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Or-chestra gave the first ever complete performance of Goldschmidt's opera Beatrice Cenci. Goldschmidt had waited 37 years to hear his work performed. Further success came five years later when his Passacaglia for Orchestra Op 4, which had won him the Mendelssohn Prize in 1925 and long thought to have been lost, was rediscovered.

In 1920s Berlin, Goldschmidt was one of Germany's most promising young musi-cians, at the heart of the Weimar Republic's artistic life. When the Nazis came to power in 1933, a year after his first opera had been staged, his career as a conductor was curtailed and his work forbidden. He fled to this country in 1935 — and found that his music was out of fashion. Half a century later, Goldschmidt had the joy of seeing his first opera, Der gescoltige Hahnrel (The Magnificant Cuckold), performed in Berlin, where once it had been banned.

Goldschmidt was born in Hamburg, the son of a musicloving importer of bedfeathers. He showed an aptitude for music and, after a university education at Hamburg and Berlin, he entered the Berlin Hochschule für saved his life. Summoned by Musik in 1922, specialising in conducting and composition under Franz Schreker. Need-

plunged into the preparation of Alban Berg's Wozzeck for the epoch-making premiere in 1925. He also coached the choir and soloists for the pre-mier of Gurrenlieder and played the celeste in Rosen-kavalier under Richard Strauss's baton.
In 1928, the actor and direc-

tor Carl Ebert invited him to Darmstadt as music adviser and conductor. In 1930, he completed Der gewaltige Hahnrei, which was at once considered for performance in several theatres; despite grow-ing political hostility, the

When the Nazis came to power his conducting career was curtailed and his work forbidden

Mannheim opera successfully produced it in 1932. It was immediately scheduled at the Berlin Opera, where Goldschmidt was now working, but, with the coming of the Nazis, Goldschmidt, as a Jew, was dismissed from his post and the production cancelled.

His career in ruins, Goldschmidt began to take in the autumn of 1935, he had under Franz Schreker. Need-ling to make his living as a come out alive. After being

WAS not until the conductor, he joined the Berquestioned on the details of the composer lin State Opera as a repetition of the composer thold Goldschmidt, teur, where he was at once Soviet Union, the interrogator asked about the piano l he gave for three marks. The interrogator explained proudly that his daughter's lessons cost five marks, and Goldschmidt had the courage to ask the question that probably saved his life: "What kind of music did she like?" "Schubert, Schumann," was the reply. A human link was made, and Goldschmidt was allowed to leave Prinz-Albrecht strasse with advice to get out of Germany at once.

Coming from anglophile

Hamburg, and aware of the high reputation of BBC music in Germany, Goldschmidt set out for England in October 1935. His reception at Harwich was frosty — the immigration officer asked his profession. "Musician," he replied — only to be told, "Musicians are in a bad way — there's no work for them, so there's no prospect of a foreigner getting a work per-mit." Goldschmidt showed a bundle of manuscripts. "I am an internationally known composer," he insisted — hav-ing earned perhaps 35 marks in the previous year. The immigration officer looked them over. "Right, you can stay for three months, but no employment either paid or unpaid." The permit was repeatedly renewed while Goldschmidt, from the two-roomed flat in Belsize Park, London, where he lived for the rest of his life, rebuilt his career — teaching, coaching singers, and of

course composing, but with

little prospect of performance. He worked with the Joos

In 1951, Beatrice Cenci, based on Shelley's play, won

an adviser, composer and conductor with the BBC German

service, broadcasting banned

the Glyndebourne Opera as

chorus master for their ap-pearance at the first Edin-

burgh Festival. Verdi's Mac-

beth was to be conducted by George Szell, but he walked

out. The management scoured

the world for a replacement — they even tried Toscanini

Goldschmidt, who took on the

performances with consider-

but in the end turned to

Mendelssohn and

Ballet, and during the war was | the Festival of Britain opera competition, but it was Benja-min Britten's Billy Budd that was performed. Although Goldschmidt now expanded his work as a conductor, Mahler — to Germany.

In 1947 he became a naturalised British citizen and Carl Ebert invited him to join chiefly with BBC orchestras. he continued to compose songs with orchestra, concertos for violin, for clarinet and for cello. With the advance of the avant-garde, his music was increasingly neglected. His wife became ill with leukemia and he nursed her

until her death in 1979. In 1983, a student read-through of his first opera happened to be heard by influential figures, who were immediately struck by the quality of the music. David Drew, of the publishers Boo-sey and Hawkes, took him up;

fonica in a concert in the Berlin Festival in 1987, with enormous success. This heralded a quite extraordinary revival of interest. On Decem-ber 1, 1992, a few weeks before his 90th birthday, Goldschmidt stood before a cheering audience in the Berlin Philharmonie after a concert performance of Der gewaltige Hahnrei. In 1994 he was the honoured composer of the Berlin Festival, with a bril-liant production of this opera at the Komische Oper, and orchestral concerts and recitals devoted to his music This latterday triumph led him to remark: "I should be dead to get all this attention".

Goldschmidt even returned to conducting, aged 92, he led the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in recordings of his overture, The Comedy of Errors, and the violin rondeau he wrote for the Canadian violinist, Chantal Juillet. It had been a tri-

umphant renaissance. Why did it take so long for the innate quality of his music to be recognised? The answer is in the man himself - his unswerving commitment to the fundamental materials of music, untouched by fashion, scornful of gimmicks, he wrote what he had to. When someone claimed to find the influence of Shosta-

Simon Rattle included the stage in Magdeburg in Goldschmidt observed that Goldschmidt's Ciaccona Sin- 1994. before their works were known, perhaps it was the other way round. At a crucial stage in his life, his open rejection of Schönberg and his followers did not endear him to a dominating establishment. But when they were actually able to hear his music, audiences and musi-cians alike have discovered the master in their midst. Goldschmidt died peacefully and content. In the end, it had

Bernard Keefe Berthold Goldschmidt, com-

poser and conductor, born Jahu-

Hidden talent . . . for half a century the works of Berthold Goldschmidt lay undiscovered, until his triumphant renaissance PHOTOGRAPH HENRETTARISTER

Pavel Solovyov

The hero who fell to earth

Pavel Solovyov, Hero not going smoothly. of Socialist Labour, designer of most of the of Aeroflot, had just told Iz-USSR's postwar aero engines. Soviet "General Construc-tor", pioneer of the world's on the llyushin 96 transports most powerful helicopters, they had to keep three sets of Traitors! Traitors!"

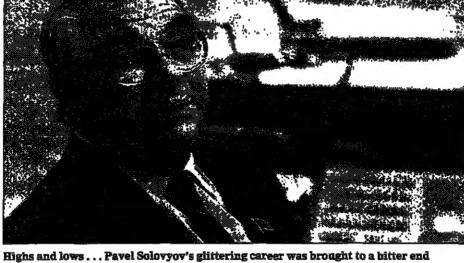
The 79-year-old had been sitting at his desk in his once top-secret design bureau in Perm in the Urals. Spread out in front of him were newspaper cuttings, savaging his PS 90 engine. Plagued with problems, it had to be substantially redesigned, but meanwhile one Tupolev aircraft factory was going ahead with a \$6 billion project to equip its new generation of planes with Rolls-Royce Whitney had announced a androvich Solovyov was born at Ribinsk Aviation Institute

S A stroke felled him. | plan to invest in the Perm the last words of factory, but the alliance was

Yevgeny Shaposnikov, head vestia newspaper that for spare parts because it was that unreliable. With this line would go broke

Starved of governmental support, blamed for the fall of a once great industry, Solovyov could stand it no longer An engineer talking to him on the telephone realised that Solovyov had difficulty speaking. He was suffering a stroke. A week after that final comment he was dead.

It was a bitter end to a RB211 engines. Pratt and glittering career. Pavel Alex-



five children, he grew up in the Volga village of Aliakino and, when his father died, went to Ribinsk, supporting himself even before he finshed school.

His engineering genius meant that by his third year

a poor pessant's son in the he was teaching his peers. It year of the revolution. One of was 1940 and the Soviet Union was on the verge of the most destructive war in its history. Solovyov was whisked to the urcraft engine design bureau in Perm, under the personal guidance of Arkady Shvetsov, the father of the Soviet air

craft industry. Under Shvetsov, Solovyov worked on the engine of the best Red Army fighter, the Lavrochkin 5, in which a Russian air ace, Kozhebub, was to shoot down 62 German planes. It was not the Spitfire, but it was critical to the Soviet war effort. The 25-yearold engineer got the first of many medals from the Soviet

dictator Joseph Stalin. By the time of the Korean war in 1950, the United States had consolidated its lead in heavy helicopters. Lavrenti Beria, Stalin's chief of the secret police, the NKVD, in-vited the Soviet Union's brightest engineers, including Solvovyov, to Moscow for consultations.

Having worked on the development of the world's most powerful aircraft piston engine - the ASh-2K of 1946 -Solovvov realised that even more powerful engines would mean gas turbines; the world sero-engine designer, bordhad entered the jet era. Two of 1917; died October 12, 1996

Jackdaw

his turbo-shaft D-25V engines powered the MiL6 of 1957, and later came the Mil10 helicopter. They were incomparable, setting the world lead in lifting power. He spent 36 years as the head of the Perm design bureau, designing the D20P turbofan which, on board the Tu 124 passenger aircraft. in 1962 had a two-year lead over its western rivals. In his last

years be turned all his attention to the PS 90. Several disasters had beset the Russian aircraft industry, Solovyov was fond of saying. There had been the German invasion of 1941 and the misguided plans of Nikita Kruschev, Soviet leader of the late 1950s and early 1960s, to convert aircraft factories into missile plants. But the worst was the free market and the collapse of state authority.

Solovyov was unable to fin-ish with the PS 90 what he had started. One day it may be competitive with its western counterparts, being a third of the price. But Solo-vyov will not be there to see

David Hearst

Pavel Alexandrovich Solovyov,

late these rules are subject to

descipline, including possible

criminal prosecution.

Charles E Franklin, Lieutenant

General, USAF Commander

Elizabeth Pennington

Guardian of the tradition

those whose lives remain unproclaimed and, to the world, may appear unremarkable, yet whose modest exterior conceals an interior life of unexpected richness. Such a person was Elizabeth Pennington, who has died, aged 77.

chester, a pupil of Manches-ter High School, Elizabeth was a true Mancunian. Although her opportunities were limited by circumstances, she carved out a satisfying secretarial career for herself, working in the early days for the Head of Programmes on BBC radio and. with the advent of television. working with the BBC TV team both in Manchester and

Leaving the BBC, she accepted an appointment in the House of Commons. where she worked for the members of the Labour front bench in the days of Harold Wilson and Tony Crosland and was invited to join the secretarial team in 10 Downing Street. She declined the invitation, preferring instead to return to her home city. There she joined the Manchester Guardian as secretary to the editor. Alastair

Hetherington. Some two years later, the Guardian moved to London, and Elizabeth went too. She worked selflessly and dedicatedly on behalf of the paper through the very difficult early days of London printing. Her contribution to the

paper was outstanding.

Later she returned again to Manchester and, still working for the Guardian, became secretary to the chairman, Laurence Scott, and his successor. In retirement she moved to Buxton. Although her later



Selfless . . . Pennington

years were dogged by increas-ing ill health, she found great consolation in the blossoming of her friendship with Margaret Aumonier, a friendship which comforted and sustained her, and enriched her

Elizabeth was a very private and unassuming person. Although always a backroom girl, she had a fine command of the English language, an analytical mind, and what has been described as "a use-ful sense of humour". A keen observer of the social scene -Jane Austen and Barbara Pym were among her favourite authors — her twin loves and constant companions were the works of Austen and the Guardian, which she liked to have always at her hand.

Jessica Scott

Catherine Elizabeth Pennington personal assistant, born November 19, 1918; died October 5,

Birthdays

Sir Tim Bell, former Conservative Party publicity adviser, 55; Chuck Berry, rock 'n' roll singer, 70; Sir Michael Burton, ambassa-dor to the Czech Republic, 59; Lord Clark, former Conservative MP, 79; Prof Timothy Clark, Dean and Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, National Heart and Lung Insti-tute, 61; Tony Daley, footballer, 29; Lord Elis-Thomas, former Plaid Cymru MP, 50; Sam Gaibraith, Labour MP, 51; Prof Harold Hankins, principal, Umist, 66; Hilde Holger, expressionist dancer, 91: Lord Kimball, former MP. 68; Wynton Marsalis, jazz trumpeter, 35; Paul McGrath, footballer, 29; Maicolm Marshall, cricketer, 38; Martina Navratilova, tennis player. 40: Dr Kate Pretty, principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 51; Lady Sal-toun, chief of Clan Fraser, 66; George C Scott, actor, 69: Gladstone Small, cricketer, 35; Michael Stich, tennis player, 28; Mary Symes, first woman coroner, 84; Dick Taverne QC, former MP, 68, Pierre Trudeau CH, former prime minister of Canada, 77.

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THE FOUR minute warning has sounded, the Russian nukes are closing fast and you are now facing imminent vapourisation. Funny how, all of a sudden, \$8m for a luxury nuclear fall-out bunker sounds preity cheap. That's certainly how Gerry Henderson saw things back in the 1960s. Gripped by nuclear war paranoia, the millionaire founder of the Avon cosmetics empire had a state-of-the art fall-out shelter built be-neath Las Vegas, It's now for sale at \$8 million, and it's easy to see why: it covers 16,500 square feet and lies 30 feet below the ground. Painstakingly painted scenery, Astro turf grass and plastic trees simulate the great outdoors while an automatic lighting system replicates night and day. Survivors of the atomic holocaust in this bunker could take a dip in the heated

swimming pool, relax in the hot tub or have a barbecue smoke from the grill travels up a fake trunk to the surface.

Encased in a protective concrete shell, the shelter ha its own generator and fuel tanks and was designed to be inhabited for a year or more. Up above on the surface there is no clue to its existence its entrance is concealed within an anonymous-look-

ing cottage. Henderson died without using the bunker. The bunker was built for Henderson by Kenneth wayze, an architect who bewould soon become uninhabitable because of nuclear war. Focus reveals some of the mad things the rich spend their

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Emily Sheffield

Alan Clark

IN Monday's Jackdaw we published a short extract from an article by Ferdinand Mount in the Times Literary Supplement which mentioned Alan Clark, the former Conservative MP for Plymouth, and which also referred to current Conservative MPs who are "financially dicey". There was no intention on the Guardian's part to link Mr Clark with such individuals and we accept that this description does not apply to Mr Clark. We apologise to Mr Clark for any offence this passage caused.



Finance Guardian

'Unknown entity' shatters the Footsie glass ceiling

'Holy shit! So that's the latest stage in her quest to take over the world. She's an incredible force of nature, unstoppable. She's smart, funny, superaggressive. Christ, I admire her.' us colleague



Marjorie Scardino, the first woman chief executive of a FTSE-100 company, with the Pearson group's new deputy chairman, Dennis

ARJORIE Scardino, an Amerivirtually unknown in Britain, is to be tive of a company featuring in the FTSE 100 index of top com-panies. Her appointment by media and entertainment group Pearson stunned the

circulation and profits emy of Arts, said he knew he growth, beat three male conhad taken a risk when he ap-Frank Barlow, aged 66, who retires at the end of the year. Mrs Scardino, aged 49, is widely admired by close col-leagues on both sides of the

Atlantic. However, she provoked a dismayed reaction among City analysts as "not a big hitter" and an "unknown entity", and among dealers who marked down Pearson

10 years ago. "That risk was bugely justified . . . The City doesn't know her. I'm sure that within a few months they known quantity but a known

quality." Analysts, who had looked for a man of the calibre of Archie Norman of Asda or group rearson stunged the City yesterday.

Mrs Scardino, chief executive at the Economist, partowned by Pearson, and architect of its recent strong long in the control of the unloved point of the un

THE BIAS/It's the same old story as

CELIA WESTON and DAVID GOW

to climb the corporate role is "risky".

Indeed should apply to work overseas. Foreign quoted in last years.

can benefit from the greater

flexibility that many cultures

afford them over homeborn applicants, according to research by a senior Cana-

21st century companies will select both women and men to

But for "home" applicants,

it is still the perception of "fe-maleness" which blocks the

progress of competent women in the corporate world.

dian academic.

females face male prejudice, report

professional restrictions and are not always able to sepa-

"Employers tend to see the foreigness before the femaleness," says Nancy Adler of McGill University in Montreal, Canada. "Successful the workforce but hold only the top average of the top average of the top average.

manage their global 500 companies, confirms this.

operations."

It also shows that, even

Those (largely men) responsible for appointing women to crash through the glass ceiling continue to believe that

NY woman who wants | putting a woman in a senior

Pearson's "new generation"

— Greg Dyke, in charge of
Pearson's TV interests, David Bell, head of the information division, and John Makinson, finance director — had been expected to be Mr Barlow's successor and transform Pearson into a leading media group capable of resisting

Senior insiders insisted that all three were such

One senior executive, quoted in last year's Hansard Society report, said: "Women

rate emotions from difficult

decisions and can confuse the

issues. The same can apply to

some men, and they too would not get to the top positions,

the workforce but hold only 10 per cent of the top execu-tive positions at the Fortune

It also shows that, even

allowing for a range of per-

sonal and organisational characteristics, women senior executives are less

likely than their male col-

leagues to be promoted.

Go abroad to get ahead

company with Dennis Steven- ; trepreneurlal track record son, new deputy chairman ham as chairman from May next year. Mr Stevenson was credited with turning around

Mr Stevenson said last night that Mrs Scardino had a 'quite extraordinary" record at the Economist, which now has a worldwide circulation of 600,000 and which she

Management, says her own studies of company directors

show that women, even at

being recognised.
"There's an absolute blas

against women at the top

levels. It's very depressing. When are we ever going to get

to the point in corporate man-

agement when people look be-

the National Health Service

"The public sector - like

MADAME SCARDINO'S

the fortunes of GPA, the air

line-leasing company.

Mrs Scardino said she would study the group before charting any new courses. Acknowledging that dealers were taken aback because of her relative low-profile at the Economist, an unquoted company, she added: "I'll have to ask them to wait and see what I produce.

But analysts said Pearson faced some very serious and

in the private sector, we're

management school asso-

clate, optimistic. She cites, among other impediments, in-

stitutional sexism in patriar-

chal firms and perceptions of

"Research shows that to get

on you need mentors and

sponsors — one to help you and another to put your name

forward — and they tend to be men. Given the sexual dy-

namic, if a man puts a woman forward people say he must be sleeping with her, so spon-

soring a woman is seen as a

In spite of the evidence, younger women (up to the age

of 30) are often convinced that

sexism doesn't exist any more.

are hopeful they will succeed

and can be angry with older women who express their frus-trations, says Ms Boyle.

start becoming contenders for

"Then they reach 30 or 35,

bigger risk for a man."

women's domestic role.

Rowan Bosworth-Davies has noted, compliance officers remain trapped between their roles as policemen and part of Dean of Cranfield School of | - has done so much better in pushing women into senior positions. Until that happens Certainly the experience at two other merchant banks. senior levels, are less confi-dent about their competence | just not going to see change." Nor is Tricia Boyle, Edin-Barings and Morgan Grenfell, can give investors no particuburgh-based management consultant and Ashridge

Peter Young's compliance officer at DMG was among those given the elbow without compensation two days ago. The overworked fund man-

case the once-over and one would hope it will give Mr Horn the hearing he deserves. Over the longer term. Imro could do itself and the fund

Spiteful treatment of a whistleblower



Edited by Alex Brummer

THE decision by Kleinwort Benson to cancel the severance pay of assistant director Mark Horn. following his allegations of poor practice by fund manag-ers, is spiteful and disgrace-ful. Having failed to receive any statisfactory answers on a series of issues concerning conducts its find manage ment business. Mr Horn took the only humiurable course open to him — he went public with his complaints. For this he has been casticated by the bank for disclosing confidential information and internal documents to third parties (details page 22).

It would be far better if Kleinwort Benson and its owner, Dresdner Bank, were to focus more closely on the had to say about breaches in the Chinese walls, which should separate fund manage ment from the other activities of the bank, and alleged special treatment for Kleinwort family members, rather When all else falls, and Mr Horn, a barrister, went through all the proper compli ance procedures inside Klein-wort Benson, there is little alternative but to go to the

This may be very much frowned upon by the close-knit world of merchant banking. Ian Hopkins, who sought to bring the activities of Nick Leeson to the attention of Barings before its demise, was ignored by senior executives and is facing discipline by the Securities and Futures Authority. Yet the Singapore government inspectors report shows he was one of

in the City with a complaint against practice or their compliance function. As former Fraud Squad detective

agement regulator Imro is giving the Kleinwort Benson

in which officers could deal with senior executives on an

Pink revolution

HE choice of Economist chief executive Marjorie Scarduno for the much more complex job of running the whole Pearson group is exciting and fascinating. It is exciting in that Pearson be-comes the first FTSE 100 group to smash through the glass ceiling in Britain's boardrooms. It is fascinating sider, in terms of gender, ex-perience and background in a group which not so long ago ciun tendencies.

The stock market's immediate reaction was more than a little unkind. In her manage-York and later in Britain she has been a formidable presence. Even in the gossipy world which journalists inhabit it is difficult to find critics. But she will have to demonstrate her people skills fairly quickly if Pearson is not to wobble under her stewardship. It is important to win the confidence of Greg Dyke, chief executive of the television division, and David Bell, chief executive of the Fi-nancial Times and a wellknown figure in the City -both of whom were contenders for the top job. Their departure would be a serious danger signal and demonstrate that the strategy of bringing on new young execu-

tives had turned to custard. The main problem for Pearson remains its disastrous foray into new technology through Mindscape, which has gobbled up at least

Nevertheless, the Pearson Ms Scardino inherits is a more focused group following extra-neous disposals like Royal Dal-ton. She may, however, want to consider whether the com-pany wants the risk of controlling 50 per cent of Lazards, even with its historical role as

T IS wonderful seeing the pound sprint towards the DM2.45 level after the humiliation of September 1992 and the further falls which tion. As the authorities like to point out, a stronger pound offers a useful barrier against inflation at a time when the Chancellor is resisting the Bank of England's calls for higher base rates.

But, while sterling holders glory on the slopes of Switzerland and Austria this winter, nobody should forget how often currencies overshoot and how, when they correct themselves, the downward move can be very uncomfortable. Many of the factors supporting sterling, including the strength of the dollar, must be regarded as temporary. Until hard decisions are taken on the public finances and the Bank of England is allowed to establish its credibility as as an inflation management industry a great | fighter, sterling rallies will al-deal of good if it encouraged a | ways be ephemeral.

Feisty, tough. And a bruised banker knows it

PROFILE/Lawyer, parent to a child star and publisher masks drive with Southern charm, writes DAVID GOW

can businesswoman that that the family tradition — she has three children — she has three children — son Hal, aged 11, is a star of three Hollywood films.

Poth Scardings male at the family tradition — she has three children — son Hal, aged 11, is a star of three Hollywood films.

the same time.

The City, loudly questioning yesterday her capacity for reshaping the ragged conglomerate that is Pearson, will find a very tough lady prepared to take on and defeat — the Establishment in whatever hue.

"Holy shit!" said one American colleague. "So that's the latest stage in her circulation and revenue,

was captivated. "She's an absolute delight, the most inspiring person I've ever She's got huge energy, loads of imagination, very

innovative, and always with a human touch." Mrs Scardino is a modern Southern woman, said to be close to the White House via Harold Ickes, a Clinton campaign manager, and the | this

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ARJORIE Scardino where her husband Albert was media spokesman for David Dinkins, the city's businesswoman first black mayor. Continu-

père, are all the more icono-clastic for City mores as they come out of the anti-Vietnam War, civil rights,

circulation and revenue, she was a pariner in a Savannah, Georgia, law firm and publisher and co-founder, with Albert, of the Georgia Gazette, an alterwoman, a helluva lady, a very smart, very funny dame, super-aggressive. Christ, I admire her."

A friend at the Economist was continued "She's an mountain of debt in 1984. mountain of debt in 1984.

This background, accord-ing to US friends, can be beguiling. "She's done a mas-terly job of masquerading her drive and insatiable ambition with her great Southern charm and humour," one said.

At the Economist respect for her commercial acumen mixes with wariness about extraordinary New York political scene combination.

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lecline of traditional indus-lecline of traditional indus-ries, the report says.

Women's growing presence work as men to succeed, nine take 205, to of per cent by the working women, Market time they hit 40.

Half of all women with a crinan Street, London Ni child under five work, accord-

Emma Kaufmann, a spokes-

The paper shows that

budget. But the report highlights caused if they change jobs. Childcare problems and a

belief that mothers are the best carers of children mean that 78 per cent of all women with children under 16 would prefer not to be at work at all. Working Women, Market

The ladies in waiting



Management, where she heads

one of the three fund-

for its first woman head of a FTSE 100 company, and there were many contenders. Here is a selection. Kathleen O'Donovan, left,

THE City has been waiting years

another corporate heavyweight, became the first woman finance to the board of BTR -- an 1991. Although she was pipped to the post for first-time honours, Ms O'Donovan is a safe long-



Among other women pushing at the borders of the male citadels are: Carol Galley, vice-chairman of Mercury Asset Management; Clara Freeman, who was appointed to the Marks & Spencer board earlier this year; Helen Schneider Lenne, a board member of Deutsche Bank; and Rosalind Gilmore, chair of the Building Societies Commission.

THE MARKET/Women expect a fair men in status and pay.

deal but lag behind men on pay and status, finds RICHARD THOMAS

men, according to a survey published yesterday. Over the next decade, eight

world of work will be women, as girls continue to out-perform boys at school and col-lege, and men suffer from the decline of traditional industries, the report says.

NTHUSIASTIC, well- | in the workplace - with feeducated young women male employees now filling almost half of all jobs, against less than 40 per cent in the their ability to compete with | 1970s - and high-profile successes by women like Marjorie Scardino, have fuelled a new surge of self-confidence, out of 10 adults joining the the research by Market As-

> While 77 per cent of all women think they are as

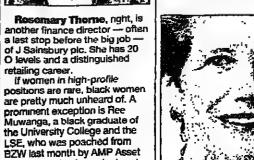
person for Market Assess-

ment, said: "The positive finding is that women are more confident about their chances. But the downside is that, as things stand, their hopes are likely to be dashed."

women's earnings suffer permanent damage from taking time off to have chidren, with their pay packets falling from 85 per cent of men's in their likely as men to succeed, nine | late 20s, to 67 per cent by the

They're young, gifted and confident But the data suggests these | ing to the survey, with most hopes are misplaced, as saying their income is women continue to lag behind essential to the household

> the problems faced by many women — especially those at the bottom of the income scale - in obtaining decent childcare. And few want workplace-based provision. because of the upheaval



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Kleinwort 'reneging on its pay-off deal'

Patrick Donovan

ARK Horn, the vort Benson fund acked after raising concerns about the ethics of the company's investment business, yesterday claimed that his employer was refusing to honour a £12,000 severance agree

Mr Horn says that his for mer employer backtracked on the deal after he expressed concerns publicly about the running of Kleinwort's In-

vestment operations.

He has claimed that his fiduciary duty to the interests of his clients was being compromised through pressure from other parts of the Klein-

Ir Horn was sacked because he failed to follow manage

of the allegations to the City regulator Imro, which has begun an investigation into the way that Kleinwort is managed

It emerged yesterday that the investigation will include allegations that London fund managers were informally intructed not to exercise their right to vote at the annual shareholder meetings of cerain German companies

Mr Horn says the instruction was given by Kleinwort's German parent, Dresdner

Kleinwort has sent Mr Horn a letter in which it claims his decision to speak out represented a "breach of your duty of confidentiality".

confident that Imro will conhas behaved in compliance with its regulatory obliga-

tions and duties to clients." A spokesman for Kleinwort yesterday promised to make a statement after completion of the Imro inquiry. Imro said yesterday that it was "neither able to confirm

nor deny that we have ounted an investigation Mr Horn says that he felt obliged to speak out because he feared his legal responsiwere in danger of being compromised because of pressure from the rest of the invest-

ment business. This pressure, he claimed, had resulted in a breakdown in the "Chinese wall" set up to separate fund management

"Imro is examining your alle- | ing interests of corporate

Among the other allegaions put forward to Imro are • The wife of a senior Klein

ential treatment in the stock market flotation of a Spanish company four months ago;
• Certain employees bought

hiotechnology company using information not available to When Mr Horn raised issues about his investment:

his remarks had a negative

kleinwort's busines: Mr Horn, who has a high City reputation for his fund ation that he claimed compro mised the interests of his

London the golden attraction for Africa's £50m bullion smugglers

ONDON is at the centre gold-smuggling racket shipping stolen and otherwise-illegal bullion from Mozambique into Europe. the Guardian has learned. Some of the metal is then refined in Britain, often in primitive garage refineries.

engagement rings and other jewellery. "A lump of gold is a lump

of gold," said one industry source, underlining the ease with which smugglers can refine away identifying features from illicit bullion. Investigations by the South African police have highlighted the smugthrough Mozambique and on to airports in Britain.

zold, one case of which earlier this year involved £500,000 of tax evasion. Much of the bullion has been stolen from mines in South Africa, which are reeling from what they say is a total of more than \$350 million of losses every year. "It is a major tax on

Of the rest, industry sources suggest that some is legitimately owned gold evading tough exchange-control regulations in and Zimbabwe. And there are hints that a proportion comes from jewellery stolen by muggers and thieves in South Africa.

The London route is

clared gold is flown to Maputo in Mozambique. From there, it is flown to Britain, either Heathrow or quieter provincial airports, and rerefined to hide its origin.

With modern technology.

a new breed of rogue refiner is able to produce gold bars to the standard of purity demanded by British and other European jewellers. "There are people who have the technology," said one expert. For sale to reputable jewellers, the gangs will need paperwork "provrefined at an established refinery, but for the less scrupulous in the trade there is no need.

Five tonnes of gold is thought to have gone along this route during the past thought by South African year alone, metal which would have a total value of more than \$350 million airport in suburban Johan- about £60 million at the

gold movements out of Afvastly different scale to the builion, and there are sug-gestions that mafia-type nal syndicates are involved

in the racket. to Britain are expected to decline, at least temporarpolice activity during the past few weeks. London Mozambique smuggling ring might have shifted a total of 15 tonnes of gold during the past 10 years, bullion with a total worth

of more than \$180 million. The Chamber of Mines in South Africa estimates



Window on the east . . . Marks and Spencer's empire already includes eight outlets in Hong Kong Photograph: DON MEPHE

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Marks and Spencer's woolly jumpers going to meet their maker

OUTLOOK/The prospects for St Michael's worldwide ambitions are examined by Sarah Whitebloom

T CAN only be a matter of time before the residents of Ramsay Street stock up on cheeper option than bricks and mortar.

M&S is already well estab-Ramsay Street stock up on chicken tikka. A new way of life is on its way to Australia Marks and Spencer is cast-ing its eye on a new frontier. Britain's biggest clothing retailer announced yesterday that it has decided to enter

the Australian market. Less than two weeks after announcing plans for £120 million expansion in Germany, M&S said that it would be setting up shop — or rather franchises - in the

The retailer said yesterday that it believed the M&S 'value for money" stance No doubt the move will be assisted by homesick emi-

grants, eager to slip back into Franchising has to be a bet-ter strategy than the firm's foray into America. Marks's \$750 million acquisition of the Brooks Brothers clothler in 1988 has attracted few plau-dits for Britain's most respected retailer, although things have been picking up. At least M&S understands how to sell M&S and its prod-ucts — and franchising is a

Clothing plant closure will cost 700 jobs

A BOUT 700 jobs are to be lost with the closure of a clothing factory in

Claremont Garments, which produces women's clothing and lingerie mainly for Marks & Spen-cer, said it could not justify keeping the plant open, despite six weeks of rescue talks with the GMB union, the Scottish Office and the Glasgow Development

The company said it would maintain "a level of employment" for as many people as possible at the plant, in the Shawlands area of the city, between until the end of the year. during which time there would discussions with those involved and their representatives. -- Reuter

lished in continental Europe, although trading conditions have not always been favour-able. Its French operation is currently its largest on the

But the German move will make the country M&S's main European market, with

Continent

The \$750m acquisition of **Brooks Brothers** has attracted

few plaudits

25 branches planned. More stores are planned for Ire-land, though there is no talk yet of a march on Moscow. Potential riches in the Far East are clearly far more tempting to M&S and the Australian move must be seen as part of this. It has already got eight branded stores in Hong Kong, 55 Brooks Brothers in Japan and an office in Shang-hai looking at the possibili-

ties of breaking into the big one, the retailer's dream — the one-billion-person Chi-

nese market. St Michael seems quite determined to breach the Great Wall. The way Marks is going, it will literally soon be possible to encircle the world in green plastic carrier bags. The firm already has 350 stores in 31 countries. They yielded 15 per cent (£1.17 bi-llion) of its turnover in the

year to the end of March. This was an increase of 11.7 per cent on the previous year. M&S clearly sees no reason to stop there. If all goes to plan, the percentage of profits earned overseas will increase

significantly over the next five years. An M&S spokeswoman said yesterday: "We are ambitious about being a major global

Who knows? With M&S on the march, McDonald's may have competition in the global anti-culture stakes as nations around the world succumb to Marks's easy charms.

It is the stuff global retailers' dreams are made of: every shopping mall every-where having the same plas-tic, illuminated shopfronts. It is possible: as much has hap-pened in the UK.

salivate at the prospect of put-ting a ready meal on every table, M&S underwear in every bedroom and "tasteful" ties in every wardrobe.

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All bets off after Bosra **Sham scare**

Cecil denies there's simon Crisford, representing the winning team, said that if Charnwood Forest Graham Rock reports

OOKMAKERS suspended betting on the Dubai Champion Stakes last night following the news that Bosra Sham, the second favourite, had bruised her foot being shod for her eagerly-antici-pated duel with Halling in the

big race at Newmarket Bosra Sham has delicate feet, and her near-fore is particularly sensitive. When her shoes were removed yesterday to replace them with racing plates, the inevitable

bruising was apparent.

Henry Cecil, her trainer, said that he had examined the 1.000 Guineas winner following exercise in the morning and again in the afternoon. "She is 100 per cent." he asserted.

However, all the money in the credit offices was for Halling, who was backed down to evens. In the face of sustained support for the favourite. bookmakers decided to sus-pend their lists until declaration for the Champion Stakes at 10.15 this morning.

Bosra Sham is expected to

take her chance, though, and she will be joined by Timar-ida. Ireland's leading filly had suffered from a minor becterial infection earlier in the week, but John Oxx reported that his stable star appeared to have recovered fully.

Wall Street, who is entered for both the Breeders' Cup Turf and the Champion, is more likely to go to America, but a final decision will be made this morning. The Go-dolphin colt forms part of a strong European raid on the

Breeders' Cup races.

Mark Of Esteem will be the British banker in the Mile. He might be accompanied by his Godolphin stable companion, Charnwood Forest, who com fortably gave 4lb and a twolength beating to Bishop Of Cashel in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket yester-

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were perky this morning, he would fly to Toronto on Monday.

Crisford was delighted by Mark Of Friedrich

Mark Of Esteem's well-being.
"He's really pinging and seems to be in even better form than before Ascot. He wouldn't want extremes of going but otherwise he should handle any ground." The 2,000 Guineas winner is a best-priced 2-1 with Coral.

Iktamal will be the sole European challenger for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, last won by an overseas runner when Sheikh Albadou stormed home five years ago. The dirt track at Woodbine is thought to favour those

starting from the middle to outside stalls, and Ikiamal's chance would be diminished if he were drawn among the low numbers. In the Breeders' Cup Turf, European entries account for eight of the 14-runner field,

with Shantou, Dushyantor. Pilsudski, Singspiel and Wall Street from England, Zagreb from Ireland, and Swain and Luna Wells representing the French champion trainer, André Fabre.

Chris Evans, racing secre-tary at Woodbine, said that soft going on the sand-based turf course would be unlikely. John Gosden, who trains the progressive Shantou, would prefer some cut in the ground for his St Leger win-ner, but he thought Shantou would probably take his chance. Godolphin's Tamayaz, a

respectable fifth in the Dubai World Cup, will be the only European horse to line up against Cigar in the Breeders' Cup Classic. The Jockey Club said yes

terday that there was no im-mediate urgency to hold their inquiry into the abandonment of racing at Haydock Park on Wednesday, brought about by jockeys refusing to ride in the second race. Evidence was still being

collated in a case described by their spokesman as "a unique set of circumstances, without



Unchallenged . . . Frankie Dettori steers Charnwood Forest to a comfortable victory in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket

Kahal should advance his Classic claims

AlfAl., deeply impres-sive when successful at Ascot on only his second start, can justify the £12,000 it cost owner Hamdan Al-Maktoum to get a run in this afternoon's Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

The supplementary entry fee may be a drop in the ocean for Kahal's connections, but it a sharp step up in class.

represents a resounding vote of confidence in a colt taking Beaten a short head by Sunbeam Dance first time out.

lengths beating to that horse | mount has much the same at Ascot where he clocked a comparatively fast time for

seven furlongs.

Arguably the best guide of all to the merits of juvenile form, the clock points to Kahal as a potential top-notcher and the Ed Dunlop-trained colt has been a solid secondfavourite in the Dewhurst betting all week. Bahamian Bounty, the mar-

ket choice on the strength of wins in the Middle Park Stakes and at Deauville, is not certain to be as effective over

this extra furlong.
Using Zamindar as the yardstick, Frankie Dettori's

betting, Kahal (3.40) can advance his claims. Next year's Dewhurst Stakes will form part of

chance as The West, who pos-sibly had too much use made

of him when brushed aside by

Revoque at Longchamp. Revo-

que upheld that form when

winning again at the Paris track last Sunday.

A line of form involving Re-

voque and Referendum sug-gests The West is superior to

In a race sure to have an impact on next year's Classic

Irish raider Desert King.

"Champions Day" at New-market when the Group One

Challenge Stakes move to Sat-urday alongside the Dubai Champion Stakes and Tote Cesarewitch.

Announcing a package of improvements yesterday, Newmarket racecourse chair-man Peter Player revealed plans for a £13 million facelift to the Rowley Mile course with the grandstand rebuilt to provide modern facilities in time for the Millenium.

In addition to sectional timing, a new watering system will also be introduced next year, but the prevailing firm ground is a worry for Michael Stoute, who will walk the

two-year-old prize and the course this morning before deciding whether to run Dazzle in the Rockfel Stakes. Sambac is doubtful unless the ground eases, and Moonlight Paradise (3.05) could end up

a very short-priced favourite. Forest Buck, who has had an operation on chipped bones in a knee could have problems with the ground when he encounters the Dip in the Baring International Darley Stakes.

The value bet here is Neville Callaghan's Tarawa (2.35), who has a fine record at Newmarket and ran really well from an unfavourable

Sport in brief

Holmes returns at 47

ARRY HOLMES is com-ing out of retirement again to fight the Dane Brian Nielsen for the IBO heavyweight title in Copenbagen on January 24, two months after the American's 47th birthday. Holmes retired for the third time after he knocked out Anthony Willis in the eighth round on a Father's Day bout in St Louis. Mississippi on June 16.

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St Louis Cardinals must be feeling edgy. On Monday they led the Atlanta Braves 3-1 in the National League play-offs. Two defeats later and the best-of-seven series is level at 3-3 and sudden-death for a World Series place against the New York Yankees. Braves pitcher Greg Maddu's was the hero of yesterday's 3-1 win. The Yankee batter Darryl Strawberry will play in tomorrow's opener despite a hairline toe fracture.

Cricket

South Africa beat India by 47 runs in the first of a one-day triangular series in Hyder-abad. Gary Kirsten top-scored with 84 in South Africa's 261 for seven in their 50 overs before India were dismissed for 214 in 46.2 overs.

Billy Snaddon, a Scot who exudes tenacity, trailed Dene O'Kane 3-4 and by 37 points with only 22 on the table in the eighth frame before emerging a 5-4 first-round winner in the Grand Prix at Bournemouth, writes Clive Everton. The demoralising defeat for the New Zealand No. 1 comes just before he is due to lead his country's challenge in a revived and extended World Cup in Bangkok.

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The three leading boats in the BT Global Challenge had crossed the equator by mid-day yesterday, writes Bob Fisher. Mike Golding in Group 4 was 57 miles ahead of Simon Walker's Toshiba Wave Warrior with Chris Tibbs' Concert moving up to third place, another 45 miles further back. The 14 boats are in the South-east trade winds and the leaders should reach Rio de Janeiro tomorrow.

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DATO STAR may miss the Tote Credit November Handicap at Doncaster, for which he is quoted at 14-1, if conditions are not suitable, warns his trainer Malcolm



Gascoigne future at Rangers in grave doubt

Patrick Glenn finds Walter Smith at the end of his patience after latest indiscretions of the flawed genius

himself on football's equivalent of Death Row, his future with Rangers - perhaps even as a foot-baller - uncertain and the hope of a reprieve contingent entirely on his convincing those who matter that he can stay out of trouble.

Soundings taken at Ibrox yesterday, in the wake of his alleged assault on his wife club have given the erratic England midfielder a final warning. He has also been fined for his misdemeanour in the Champions League

the trap of being seen to dwell solely on Gascoigne's on-field indiscretion while ignoring the moral implications of his domestic situation. But he knows that the two are inex-

When Gascoigne was sent off in a European Cup match against Borussia Dortmund a year ago, it emerged that he was also going through turmoil in his private life. That dismissal, by the Spanish referee Manuel Diaz Vega, brought the first hint of condemnation from Smith, who until then had been quite protective of the player. Now the fronts is more than

Gascoigne may have be come the first man on record to have made the front and back-page leads in newspapers for two different controversies on the same day. It will not be allowed to happen shown the door at Ibrox. Even the fact that he is only 15 months into the three-year contract he signed when he

AUL GASCOIGNE | left Lazio - at a cost of £4.3 this morning finds million - would not save him.

Smith revealed that, contrary to rumour, Gascoigne has not asked for a transfer. Sources within the club said that if the player were indeed leaving Rangers, he would not have to ask, he would be pushed.

mistakable indication that his own tolerance threshold had and his ordering-off against
Ajax in Amsterdam on
Wednesday, revealed that the
to anybody's patience and understanding in these things. You can only go so far. "After Gascoigne had been

sent off last season and he went through a spate of book-ings. I thought he had settled Rangers' manager Walter down and was handling Smith was careful to avoid things better. This season down and was handling Achilles tendon injury he got in the early days of training, he hadn't been too bad either, until he was sparked again or

"In the light of that, there is always going to be a question of whether he can change. Nobody can possibly say it's not going to happen again."

Smith picked his words cautiously on the matter of Gascoigne's "domestic" with his wife, Sheryl, at the Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire last Sunday night. On such a delicate matter he seemed to be aware that several elements manager privately believes have to be considered — for that the latest furore on two example the extent of mutual provocation, or even what the supposedly warring couple consider normal in their private relationship — before the degree of guilt on either side can be established.

"It's a very difficult situation, being asked to comment on anybody's private life," he again without his being said. "I'm obviously disappointed for both of them that this has happened, but it's hard to judge what to do in



Off the rails . . . Paul Gascoigne about to be dismissed for kicking Ajax's Bogarde

"If the problems Paul has | tally attuned to playing in the | had off the field have led to a tension that's made it difficult for him to play and to being ent off, I have to look at the situation and talk with him to see if he can handle playing without overreacting in the manner in which he did on

At least Smith will not have the problem of deciding

remaining three matches in Group A of the Champions Having been ordered off on

Wednesday by the German referee Helmut Krug for violent conduct, after taking a kick at the Ajax defender Winston Bogarde, he will almost certainly be suspended for the rest of the group matches, against the Dutch

Division match at home to Aberdeen tomorrow. His resources are so depleted by injury — the Scotland midfielder Stuart McCall is the

per, also in Glasgow, on No-vember 20, and Auxerre in

Smith, however, does have

a dilemma for the Premier

France on December 4.

choice but to pick Gascoigne. But local radio vox pops yesterday revealed that there is a ground swell of antipathy among Rangers supporters towards Gascoigne. Laddish misbehaviour is usually ac-cepted as high jinks, but the stink of wife-beating allega-tions may oftend even the blu-

would normally have little

champions at Ibrox on | ing for three weeks - that he

attack on Sheryl in Glen eagles hotel. OCTOBER 1996: Kicks Ajax Lamborghinis" in dentist's | player, sent off as Rangers lose 4–1 in Amsterdam.

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WOMEN'S C NALLENGER (Cardiff) Second round: A Sidot (Fr) bt L Galarsa (il) 6-4, 6-3; D Chiadkona (Cr) bt S Garto Soccer NATIONWIDE LEAGUE First Divisions
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Basketball

Ferguson's boys begin to show maturity

David Lacey on a United performance not unlike many by the Liverpool of old

TONED though Man-chester United undoubtedly were as they left the stadium in Istanbul after Wednesday's 2-0 victory over Fenerbahce Alex Ferguson's team still had a clear-eyed view of their Champions League prospects when they arrived home in the early hours of yesterday

morning.

Even the stone in question, hurled by a disgrunded Fenerbahce supporter and show-ering some of the players with broken glass, was an un-witting tribute to the way United have begun to suggest that they may soon be a force again in Europe's most presti-gious club competition. Turk-ish fans do not throw rocks at

just anyone. Nevertheless United's achievement needs to be kept in proportion. Beating Fener-bance has not made them European Cup favourites. But they are now in an excellent position to become the first English club to qualify for the quarter-finals from the Cham-pions League, and the first to reach the last eight since Liverpool — and Heysel — 11

A second victory over Fenerbance at Old Trafford on Wednesday week would assure United of a place in the top two of Group C. Javentus, now only a point ahead after being held 1-1 by Rapid VIenna, will also be through if they beat the Austrians in Turin on the same night.

The question of who wins the group would then depend largely on the game between Manchester United and Juventus on November 20. A draw would favour the Italians because if the clubs finished level Juventus would still have taken four points off United and, in this tournament, results between the teams concerned are the prime factor. Juventus, moreover, complete their programme at home to Fener-bahce whereas United still have to play in Vienna.

Yet just what advantage is to be gained by winning the are to keep up appearances.

group remains unclear. The top two meet the leading pair in Group D for semi-final places, and that group has refused to go with form. For example, would Juven-tus want to come top if they then had to play Milan, who after losing 2-1 in Gothen-burg on Wednesday look like finishing second in Group B, assuming they qualify at all? Certainly United would not constitute to free Parts

cavil at having to face Porto over two legs. That United can even begin to savour such prospects is the immediate reward for the new maturity Ferguson's players showed on Wednesday. They refused to be panicked by the wiles of Jay Jay Okocha, Fen-erbahce's gifted Nigerian midfielder, kept their shape and their discipline, bided their time and then killed the game off early in the second half with goals from David Beck-

ham and Eric Cantona. United's first win in eight home was achieved without the injured Roy Keane, Ryan Giggs and Phil Neville It owed much to the Norwegian nous of Ronny Johnsen, who steadily denied Okocha the space he craved, and to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who played a part in each goal.

Before the season started as English football became transfixed by the transfers of Shearer, Ravanelli and Vialli, Ferguson quietly recruited Solskjaer and Johnsen from Molde and Besiktas. Their names hardly gripped the imagination, but Johnsen, at home at centre-back or in midfield, is fast becoming invaluable to Ferguson while Solskjaer is linking with Cantona and Beckham as if he has been in the United team for a couple of seasons.

Wednesday was the first time that United have really appeared at ease in a Champions League fixture abroad. Their denial of space to opponents was in sharp contrast to their naive performance in the 1-0 defeat by Juventus in Turin.

Ferguson's neck would re den if anyone said it in his hearing, but on Wednesday his team achieved an away performance not untypical of Liverpool in their European pomp. Now United will have Newcastle on Sunday if they

off the pitch

Rugby Union

■ NGLAND have dropped

the biggest hint yet that Mike Catt will play at fly-half against Italy next

month by naming him among

the No. 10s in a squad of 46 for

a training session at Henley

The Bath player, who played at full-back in last sea-

son's Five Nations campaign

may dislodge Northampton's Paul Grayson, with Newcas

tle's Tim Stimpson making his full debut at full-back for

the game at Twickenham on

Those selections would rep-

resent a new, adventurous policy for England, Catt and

stimpson preferring to attack

with the ball in hand rather

than kick, but would leave the side without a recognised

goalkicker. Neither player is

A CARLE & WIRELESS COMPAN

next Wednesday.

November 23.

lan Malin

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The bad days

knee in wild foul attempt during FA Cup final with Spurs. Out for 16 months. SEPTEMBER 1991: Scuffle in Tyneside nightclub leads to further knee surgery. AUGUST 1993: Back to La-SEPTEMBER 1992: The zio 1½ stone overweight knee holds up for only 45 minutes of his Lazlo debut. JANUARY 1993: Outrages

Catt selected at No. 10

ager Jack Rowell has asked

Stimpson's club director Rob

Andrew to give the full-back

more kicking opportunities.
Will Carling, who has
reverted to No. 10 for Harle-

quins, has assumed a place-kicking role for the club but

with mixed success.

Catt is included among five

fly-halves, including Glouces-ter's highly promising Mark Mapletoft. Catt had one Test

in his Bath position at No. 10 last season, the defeat by the

Springboks in November, be-

fore reverting to No. 15. Meanwhile, Catt's Bath and

England team-mate Jeremy Guscott will miss the Henley

session and tomorrow's Euro

pean Cup tie at Pontypridd

The centre has a thigh muscle injury and has been told to rest for 10 days.

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first-choice place-kicker for field partner Phil De Glan-his club but England's man ville still sidelined by knee

being dropped by Lazio. FRBRUARY 1993: Police intervene in row between Gascoigne, Sheryl and five photographers.

AUGUST 1993: Back to Laafter summer in England. DECEMBER 1993: Returns after Christmas break with Italian viewers by belching a thigh strain, suffered into the microphone when "getting out of bed".

ligament problems, Bath will

field a new-look centre pair-

ing at Pontypridd in Henry

Paul and Adedayo Adebayo.

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Night move

BRISTOL and Narbonne have resolved their Euro-

pean Conference fixture dis-pute and their game at the Memorial Ground will now

kick off at 7.30 tomorrow eve-

ning. The match will begin less than three hours after

less than three hours after Bristol's tenants Bristol

Rovers finish their Second Division soccer match against

Bristol wanted to move the

game to Sunday but the French club refused and Bris-

tol were warned by the tour-nament organisers that they

risked forfetting two points if the match was not staged

Bristol's general manager

Dave Tyler said: "It is very unsatisfactory but we will

play on Saturday night rather than forfeit two points. It will

require a huge effort from everyone to get the ground

Blackpool.

ready in time."

for Bristol

Paul and Adedayo Adebayo.

in match against Sampdoria. JANUARY 1994: Punches press photographer in Rome street. Case pending. APRIL 94: Breaks right leg in two places while train-

ing. Out for a year. JULY 1994: Admits beating and bullying his girlfriend Sheryl Kyle for two years. MAY 1995: Joins Ranger in £4.3 million deal.

Everton sacked

'act of revenge'

CLIVE EVERTON was yesterday sacked as

television commentator for

the forthcoming World Cup

an article in the Guardian

on the way snooker is run

by its governing body. Everton, 59, described the

decision as "an act of petty

revenge" by the World Pro-fessional Billiards and

Snooker Association and

its chairman John Spencer.

In a bizarre twist the two

BBC commentary booth

this weekend for the Grand

News of his removal was relayed to Everton by Bill

Sinrich, of Trans World In-ternational, the production

company charged with cov-ering the Bangkok event.

Mr Sinrich said my ser-

vices were no longer required," said Everton.

"He said it was the board's

wish." The WPBSA is fund-

ing TWI's coverage; the BBC has agreed to show a

highlights package.
In his article Everton

highlighted the problems

that the sport is experience

ing in obtaining tourna

ment backing. He reported

that leading figures within snooker are questioning

the competence of the board and its chairman.

"It is quite improper

pressure for any governing body to bring," said Ever-ton. "It is just an act of

petty revenge for me telling the truth about the way

Last night the WPBSA

said: "[We have] until recently had a good work-ing relationship with Clive

Everton. Unfortunately

this relationship has now deteriorated. We very

much regret that this decl-

sion has had to be taken."

Prix in Bournemouth.

are due to share the same

Snooker

Neil Robinson

in WPBSA

lies by playing imaginary flute after scoring.
JANUARY 1996: Involved in incident at an Indian res-

taurant in Gateshead. Police called. FEBRUARY 1996: Sheryl, now his wife, has a son, Regan. Gascoigne absent. MAY 1996: Fed 'Flaming

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Fixtures

Rugby League

Venables pays up and sues

Martin Thorpe

skirts of a publisher to pay his costs this time." UST when the end of the the new writ: "This demon-strates that I am more than great feud between Terry Venables and Alan Sugar looked in sight, satisfied with the way my victory for those now totally legal actions are progressing and I am incredulous at Alan bored with the story was snatched from their grasp. Sugar's claims of victory in Yesterday a statement, ap-proved by the judge, was read

out by Sugar's counsel in the High Court accepting a pay-ment of £100,001 from Venables and the publisher of his 1994 autobiography because of an alleged libel.

It was also agreed that the book's publisher, Michael loseph, would cease publication, destroy all unsold copies and not republish the pas-sages at issue in any other book.

But no sooner had the Tottenham chairman claimed a victory than Venables, the club's former chief executive, did likewise. And as Sugar eft the High Court, he was handed a new libel writ from Venables relating to com-ments made by Sugar in a 1993 Channel 4 Dispatches

documentary.
"A cheap publicity stunt," was Sugar's reaction. "To like to move on but if he whacks out he'll get a double whack back. I've never come across anyone like him before. It doesn't suit him to end it. It's publicity and bravado. He will never get a brass farthing out of me unless a court different it. But hell account different it.

the just concluded libel battle." That was discounted by Sugar, for whom Timothy Cassel QC told the court in

and he can't hide behind the

Venables, however, said of

the agreed statement that Venables's claims last month that Sugar had suffered a "humiliating defeat" were "grossly inaccurate and misleading", But Venables countered by

stressing that only six copies of the book were left unsold to be pulped, and that copies currently in shops would remain on sale. However, Sugar's lawyers

said shops would be illadvised to continue stocking the book because they would be perpetuating the libel. Venables also claimed that he was free to repeat his

views. But Sugar disagreed and is now considering further legal action over the terms of Venables's statement The former England coach also claimed: "I would estimate that Sugar will have to find some \$400,000 for the costs of the case since March." Sugar replied: "I from. It's a load of rubbish." rects it. But he'll never go to Sugar yesterday presented court on this one. He hasn't the £100,001 to Gt Ormond got the bottle to give evidence Street Hospital.

Coventry threaten clear-out

HE Coventry chairman Bryan Richardson has threatened a clear-out if the players continue to fall short of expectations. He pledged further finan-

cial support for the manager Ron Atkinson, who has spent £18 million in the transfer market, but warned: "We are not in the business of collect-

the club and players up for sale after a campaign of abuse from supporters.

Birmingham, denied the midfielder Jonathan Hunt for three months with knee dam-

Port Vale's Bill Bell has put

age, are hoping to sign New-castle's Chris Holland. Tony Cottee, the West Ham striker, has joined Selangor in Malaysia.

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guson's Golf Sbegin Monty slays weary Woosnam Matur

merie, Europe's No. 1 in seeming perpetuity, disof his No. 29, Ian Woosnam, from the Toyota World Match Play championship here yesterday with an almost casual confidence.

Bight under par on the 16th tee, the 34th of the match, and three up, Montgomerie soon had two to win from eight feet and was conceded the match without being asked to putt. The result, which according to centuries-old custom and practice would have been recorded as 3 and 2, was duly noted as 4 and 2 The latter version conforms

strictly to the rules, the former far more to the etiquette of the game, particularly that which relates to consider-ation for one's opponent — a department which increasingly is being ignored in these highly competitive, deeply intense, over-exuberant days.
Still, by the end Woosnam
was well beaten. He has won

four tournaments this season and well over £500,000, but he seems weary. Over the past few weeks he has at times looked old beyond his years, with a frown never far from

been at or around the top of the game in Europe since 1982 and in the top 10 for 11 of those 14 years. But now he looks overweight, presumably because his aching back and legs will not let him exercise, he walks with the stooped gait of a man much older, and, something that seems vaguely wrong, he is forever taking tablets, some-times even on the course, for relief from his spondylosis, a deteriorating spinal

Very much to his credit, be refused to make his problems an excuse for yesterday's defeat. He said he felt fine, except for a few holes towards the end when the match was all but determined, and he being outdriven by up to 30 yards by Montgomerie, a man he is more than capable of matching off the tee under naments than here. What-normal circumstances. "I ever, he has lost his rhythm don't feel free enough in my body to hit it as far as I used

To the eyes of those accustomed to the Woosnam swing,



Trapped in the trees . . . Ian Woosnam has trouble finding his ball during his defeat by Montgomerie at Wentworth yesterday

fairly lashing at the ball, but to the Welshman himself it felt as though he was swingblamed his putting more than ing slower than usual, and anything. But he was also that can only be because, having lost form in recent weeks, he has been lashing even harder in previous tourand some of his length at a time when he needed all his assets to cope with Europe's

finest Montgomerie, by contrast,

seemed as though he was hitting the ball farther than ever, he felt, and yester-the Welshman himself it day's display of driving was to as though he was swing "as good as I can do. I have never hit the ball better or further off the tee".

The Scot thought that maybe it was something to do with match play giving him the freedom to have a go. "I even took my driver on the 6th and 16th holes," he said, "something I would never do
in a strokeplay event like,
say, the Volvo PGA when it's

terday morning was crucial. He was two down and 12 feet away in three, with Woosnam six feet away in the same number, but it was Mont-gomerie who holed and the Welshman who missed and a possible three down became only one down. Montgomerie played the back nine in 33, four under, to go into lunch one up; an outward half of 32 in the afternoon took care of

Montgomerie made a

He felt that the 9th hole yesthought it unfortunate that he and Woosnam were "paired together" for the match; there was, of course, a draw. He thought that Woosnam "might have gone on" had be played someone different, but that is something no one will

> Phil Mickelson played the shot of the day at a crucially important moment in his match with Vijay Singh, and still lost. The American No. 1 had previously, at the 34th, the match.

Freudian slip when he said he I played a thoroughly indifferent tee shot into the trees to go two down with two to play. then won the 35th and, having bunkered his second at the 36th, actually saw his recovery shot fly directly into the hole for what, for the briefest of nanoseconds, was

> But the ball popped out again, Mickelson clasped both sides of his head in disbelief, and Singh was left with a simple chip and putt to win

Rugby League

Kangaroos are coming, World Cup going

LMOST a year after announcing a Super League international calendar comprising a Great Britain tour of Australia this autumn and a World Cup in England and Wales next October, Maurice Lindsay and the International Board turned those arrangements on their head at a meeting here

The first Ashes series since the Super League upheaval of last year will now be conested in England next autumn and the first Super League World Cup will be based in Australia, with a few games in New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, the ollowing year.

Super League is currently funding the British Lions' tour of PNG, Fiji and now New Zealand — a substantial loss seems certain — because in February its backer, News International, was banned from staging internationals in Australia. So an Ashes series is a year overdue. Even the Australian Rugby

League coach Bob Fulton, an implacable opponent of Super League but a staunch supporter of Kangaroos tours, may welcome this tour keeping the traditional European autumn slot.

The Kangaroos tour is likely to comprise three Tests in England and one in France, with fewer club games than in the past because it follows the World Club Championship that climaxes the Super League season. Lindsay was unable to give details of that yesterday, but hinted again | say's air fare to Sydney.

that it would include trans-hemisphere tours for the 12 European and 10 Australasian clubs.

As Great Britain staged the 1995 World Cup, it is Australla's turn anyway but the U-turn owes more to Super strate its ability to stage in-

It is likely that Lindsay had to light to salvage the consolation of the Kangaroos tour and delay the World Cup for a year, but his success will allow several nations time to regroup. One of them, South Africa, were yesterday readmitted to the International Board after a submission from the former English ref-eree Barry Haslam, but the participation of Wales in 1998 remains in considerable doubt; even the European Championship involving Wales, England and France, which failed to arouse much Other decisions were that

Noa Nadruku, the Fiji captain, is to be punished for pulling out of the Batis' recent Test against Great Britain, and New Zealand and Tonga will stage the first annual eight-nation Oceania Cup at the same time as a triseries between New Zealand, New South Wales and

In addition all international games will be subject to a 10 per cent levy, increasing to 20 per cent for World Cup matches, to fund development. So far, though, 10 per cent of the gate receipts for the six matches before today's Test against New Zealand would just about pay Lind-

McVey to stay with Saints

THE Super League champions St Helens have been told that their Australian back-row forward Derek McVey can stay at Knowsley Road. But as a consequence they will release their prop Adam

Saints had been negotiating with the Australian Super League to keep the 23-year-old McVey, who played a major role in their title win last summer.

McVey was called home after the Australian Super League won its courtroom battle with the Australian Rugby League. He had

years with the Sydney club Balmain, now Sydney Tigers, because he had a year to go before his Super League contract in Australia took effect. St Helens' chief executive

David Howes said: "We can keep him for 1997 and the arrangement is reviewable annually."

But the financial implications of keeping McVey have forced St Helens to release Fogerty, the former Halifax forward. The 27-year-old former heavyweight boxer, who has played 100 matches for the Saints since 1993, will become a free agent on joined St Helens after six January 1.

Squash

Jackman in fine form as England rout Finns

MORFOLK's Cassie Jackman yesterday put England into the semi-finals of the Perrier women's world team championship here with a 9-1, 9-1, 9-0 demolition of Nina Taimiaho of Finland.

Linda Charman at No. 2 and Fiona Geaves at three were equally impressive against the other Finns, Kia Passivirta and Pia Karomen. Today, however, England face a tougher match against a South Africa team coached by South Africa team coached by the five-times British one club by their fitness adnational champion Sue viser Frank Dick, British ath-

Cogswell.
"England are vulnerable
and we will go for it," said
Cogswell. "Charman can be
beaten and Suzanne Horner, the likely No. 2, is not

South Africa have brought in Carla Venter, known as the Road Runner, to face Horner. Venter does cover the court well — she ran the German Sabine Baum into the ground in thr 40min on Wednesday — but she has little finish. It is optimistic to think she may is optimistic to think she may trouble a player of Horner's calibre but Cogswell insisted:
"If Suzanne makes mistakes,
Carla will best her."
South Africa have dropped
Chantal Clifton-Parks, who

Chantal Clifton-Parks, who staged two comebacks against Nicole Beumer of the Netherlands but still lost. When down 9-1, 9-1, 4-1, she rallied to take the third 9-6 but collapsed to 8-1 in the fourth as the Dutch woman rediscovered her came. Again Cliftonmiry threatencles ered her game. Again Clifton-Parks came back as Beumer cracked under the pressure to lose the fourth 10-8 and go 6-0 down in the fifth. But then in dramatic scenes the match levelled at 9-9 before the South African's boast tipped

the tin.
Australia were impressive
in their quarter-final against Horner's thrown dead rubber on Wednesday. She said:
"Why pick a player who practises losing?"

In its quest for recognition — an endeavour conceived in the Fifties when it was a particle.

But I used to travel the world and knew all the problems of the GDR. The situation is still once the rich clubs get wind a little complicated in Gertises losing?"

What we've learnt is too secretive to be handed out.

Once the rich clubs get wind of this I'm sure they'll think the Fifties when it was a particle.

Athletics

Arbeit has his work cut out

MID the dozen or so housewives doing their weekly aerobics sessions to the sound of thumping pop music at a North-east fitness club, the trim, grey, bespectacled man dressed in the light-blue tracksuit of his former employers cuts a most

imlikely figure.

Doctor Ekkart Arbeit, the coach who masterminded East Germany's dominance of world athletics between 1988 medals in either the Olympics or the European Champion-ships, has been employed for 10 days to sharpen the fitness of West Hartlepool's rugby

players. He has been brought to the letics' former director of coaching. "He and I were opponents in the old days but we always talked and exchanged ideas," said Dick. "It's a question of trying to open minds to different ideas open minds to different foeas
and methods, and having
someone who has a record
like he has is not bad, is it?"
Arbeit, 55, who is based in
Berlin, had never seen a live
rugby match until last Saturday when he travelled to

impressed by what he witnessed.
"This is the hardest sport I have ever seen," he said. "It's much harder than football because you need strength and endurance." He has a brief to work with individual players, identifying weaknesses, to make them stronger and

watch Hartlepool's victory over Old Watsonians. He was

In the past six years his ex-pertise has been in demand and not only from athletes, as Hartlepool's interest confirms. He advised Juventus before they won the European Cup last season and has worked with the Italy volley-

Yet for all Arbeit's success he has been forced to work ahroad ever since the Berlin Wall came down, because his Australia were impressive in their quarter-final against Scotland and play the improved New Zealand next.

With an eye on England, however, Australia's manager Di Dayis was scathing of Eight Di Dayis was scathing of E

ball team.



Arbeit . . . visiting coach

Duncan Mackay on a former GDR coach's 10-day mission at West Hartlepool

riah state with few diplomatic ties - East Germany would stop at nothing. It set up a systematic dop-ing programme which in-chided world record holders

such as Marita Koch and Heike Drechsler. "I knew this went on, of course I did," admitted Arbeit, giving a small smile. "It's no longer a secret. It happened."

The vast East German sports apparatus has now been dismantled and the flow of steroids has dried up. Al-though Arbeit still looks back on those days with nostalgia, he concedes that democracy has been for the greater good

will grow up and the economy will be very strong." Arbeit claimed the focus on drug abuse had obscured the

remarkable success of a ma-chine that won more Olympic gold medals in the Games it contested than any other Union, a country 15 times

Harger.

He added that the organisation, technical ability and resources that were the envy of the rest of the world also played an essential part in allowing a country of 16 million to outparform rivals. lion to outperform rivals many times its size. At the world-famous College of Physical Culture in

Leipzig, the former nerve cen-tre of East German sport where Arbeit trained and was based, they boasted that a fifth of the gross national product was channelled into maintaining the nation's domination of the playing fields of the world. "The only level we were in-

"The only level we were interested in was world class.
For me an Olympic final is
nothing, winning is all that
matters. We spent 25 years
building up a successful system, but now it's disappeared.
No one has the money to do
this any more."

The doctor's name may The doctor's name may have been tarnished in Ger-

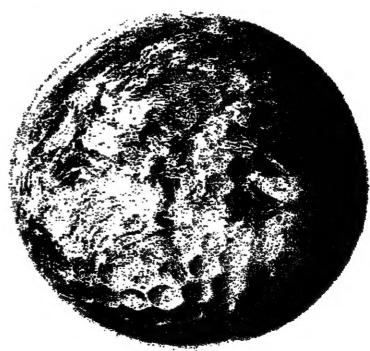
many by the drug revelations. even though he was not di-rectly involved in carrying out the state's official drugs programme, but he is popul ewhere because he is still recognised as one of sport's leading experts on condition-ing and strength training.

Mark Ring, the former Wales international centre who is now West Hartlepool's director of coaching, said that despite being unfashionable and at the wrong end of the table his club had fought off Harlequins to secure Arbeit's services. "He's costing us a small for-

tune so obviously we consider his visit to be vital." Ring said. "Frank Dick's done a superb job getting the boys the fittest team in the top division. But the way the sea-son's going Dr Ekkart's contribution could be vital. He has been a real eve-opener. What we've learnt is too se-

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SportsGuardian



Sitting pretty . . . Robbie Fowler scrambles the ball over the line to put Liverpool level at 1-1 after Sion had taken a surprise lead in Switzerland last night PHOTOGRAPH: CLIVE SRUNSICL

European Cup Winners' Cup, second round, first leg: FC Sion 1, Liverpool 2

Liverpool leave Sion with relief

lan Ross in Sion

HE "house full" signs will be posted at Anfield in a fortnight but only those Liverpool support ers whose blind faith outweighs their reason and logic will assemble in anticipation of that old European favour-ite, the second-leg cake-walk.

Liverpool should have won an engaging game by a far more generous margin, but to under-estimate opponents who, quite clearly, have the

eight of the only European competition they have still to win beckons.

Among those reduced to watching at the Tourbillon Stadium last night was Stan Collymore, an £8.5 million footballer whose career since his arrival from Nottingham Forest 15 months ago has been punctuated by embarrassing troughs.

The man who would king plumbed the depths again last night, turfed out to potential for surprise would accommodate the return of

be foolish, maybe even fatal. Robbie Fowler after a three inside the opening minute. Liverpool's sense of pur eggs in one basket in search Even so, Liverpool will be match absence. It would now Sion's football peaked in the pose quickly returned. Un of a second goal. But in the more attractive option than a fully-fit Collymore. Not even Since emerging as his

club's latest bright star Matteo has made few mistakes when Fowler was withdrawn but he came up with a real gem last night. Having colin the second half could the Liverpool manager Roy Evans find room for his exlected Quentin's punt for ward, Matteo had only to roll the ball back to his goal-As expected, Sion proved to keeper James to transform be more exuberant than expert although, curiously, a defence into attack

His back pass fell short and once Bonvin had overcome astically any form of forward his sense of surprise, he had only to move clear of James's challenge before finding an

After Berger had gone close unprotected target.

Set by Janus

own goal, a tactically naive response to danger which was to provide Liverpool with ample space in which to тапоецуге. Even then it was the 24th minute before they found a way through, Fowler tapping

raking runs down the left flank, Sion foolishly allowed

their back line to slip further

and further towards their

in his first European goal from close range after Berger's effort had come back off the chest of the goalkeeper Lehmann, who made some superb saves later on. While it would have been

indiscreet for Sion to covet what they already held, it would certainly have been unwise to place many fragile

Ostrava yesterday.

ish national championship at Telford, when he was very much the underdog

and the Canadian-born Ru

sedski was the British

Since then the 22-year-old

as the evening wore on it was Liverpool who answered the more pertinent questions:

Scales and Fowler both wasted reasonable opportuni ties before Sion were finally engulfed by the rising red tide. Exactly an hour had passed when Barnes rose unattended at the near post to turn in a Bjornebye corner with a deft header. It was a moment of precision lifted from the training ground and one which, in all probability, has decided the tie.

Liverpools James: McAteer, Mattee, Babb, Scales, Bjornebye, McManaman, Barnes, Thomas, Berger, Fowler

resolve are answered with which assert the surety of

Henman keeps Rusedski in his place

Inside track on Carling's hug mates



Vincent Hanna

ET us peep through the keyhole of a cellar in Edinburgh, Fifteen young men in skimpy clothing stand huddled. Their leader motions them towards him — "In here, boys, close" and opens his arms wide in an embrace. They converge into one enwrapped and arms clasped union and beat a clattering tattoo on the concrete floor with their boots, louder and louder. Someone bellows "One to one! One to one!" 'C'mon in, tighter, tighter

urges the leader. "We do not "We do not lose. We blas them. We blast them. Nothing

else, nothing else," Frank Keating's description of the final moments before Will Carling led England out at Murrayfield last March engulfs us with the intensity of its imagery, at once homo-erotic and militaristic. Nowhere, except perhaps in American college football, could one imagine such a scene. In the States, Jesus would be playing for the team

Keating found himself stranded with the England team in Durban during the last World Cup. His relation-ship with the players led to them asking him to be their official scribe for the 1995-96 season. He was given unique access, along with a photographer, Jon Nicholson. The book* is a glorious portrait

sures that people will take from it what they want to see The players will love it, as much as others will be repelled. A lot of hugging and

conding goes on. Each is now twining close bogether as one in a full company's huddled, all-embracing, final hug, out of which various whispered unintelligible deep-throated private imprecations to valour and great grunted collective peals bonded brotherhood. A sort of raucous ultimate of the Freemason's handshake." Keating confesses he finds this "school playground juvenile". Other things are less juve-

nile. Carling's captaincy has a

militaristic, xenophobic feel that makes one believe he could never have led the Lions. Here is part of his

warm-up speech in Edinburgh 'I remember going down to Hereford not long after the Gulf War ... to visit the SAS boys. We were in deep awe of them. I remember saying to the soldiers: "If I'd done that I'd be shitting myself. They looked at us: Nonsense, it was just a job . . . if we had a dearest wish it would be to be like you lads, to walk out and represent our country.

"They tell me when I go to Scotland: 'Carling, you're truly hated here.' If that's their context, then I hate them back. If they hate me, I hate them." In perhaps the most vivid

story in the book, Garath Archer is nervous about his first cap against Scotland. He has not slept well. Carling takes him for a walk down Princes Street to parade before the shopping crowds who, in Archer's words, "jeered him [Carling] and threatened him with what was going to happen to him in a few hours. The stick he got was really something. I was ready for anything the Scots could throw at me after

Great captains such as Dawes, McLoughlin, Beaumont and McBride would have been treated with respect, even with awe, on such a walk.

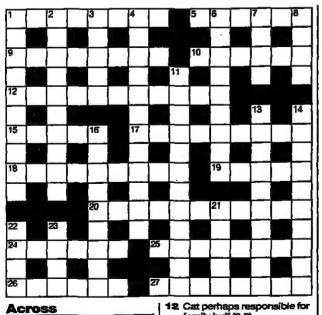
There is some memorable writing. Jon Callard speaks of the bleak world of the substitutes, excluded from the hud-dles and cuddles, doomed to smell glory without setting close enough to touch it. "Think of poor old Dawesy," says Callard. "Been on the bench 34 times and never got on the field." (This is Graham Dawe, capped in 1987 but not again until 1995).

N CARLING's world there are few laughs, not even in the video made by the team in Dublin last March. It is full of cracks about Princess Di "too downright crude for even the flavour of a single sentence to

be repeated". The story is told of Tony O'Reilly, who turned up at Twickenham in the Sixties to play against England and went in search of bootlaces. He stuck his head round their dressingroom door. There on a table stood Eric Evans, the England captain, thumping his chest, his face red, shouting about Dunkirk.

"Excuse me," says O'Rellly, would any of ye have some hairy string? The thing is, would Will Car-ling have got the joke? * Band of Brothers, by Frank Keating (Michael Joseph, £20).

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- 1 Sad defender of the
- sockeye salmon (4-4) 5 Corresponds with soldier over a long period (6)
- 9 Rebellion following early alarm signal? (8) 10 Many depart after spilt (6)
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 - male pride (9) 19 Indian engaged by French industrialist (5)

18 Superficial manifestation of

20 I do upstairs work in French painter's atelier (5, 6) 24 Drink-bearer (6)

willingness to chase enthusi-

pass - however over-hit,

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pensive misflt.

- 27 Used near or below the
- surface in the main (8) Down 1 Spring sign in borders (10)
- 2 Prosaic Italian clad in rough tunic (10) 3 First principle when given out twice (5)

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IM HENMAN upheld his ranking as British No. 1 and maintained his unbeaten record against Greg Rusedski when he beat his main domestic rival 7-6, 7-5 in the second round of the Czech Indoor tournament in It was the second time they have met. Last November Henman won 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the Brit-

At full stretch . . . Rusedski battles Henman

by a British male since John Lloyd. Rusedski's form has been

Beijing tournament, where

his serve was timed at 139.8mph, an unofficial the No. 1 British ranking after the retirement of Jeremy Bates, reached the time but his first serve was in full work remains one of the most leads and saw his world ranking rise to No. 26, the highest Last Sunday he won the last

He sent down 19 aces during the match but Henman countered that advantage with superior ground strokest and service returns.

Consistent all-court skills and effective serve-and-vol-ley tactics gave the seventh-seeded Henman a slight edge in the first set, which he won 7-2 on a tiebreak. The second set was also close, Henman taking it 7-5 to go into the quarterfinals.

 Boris Becker withdrew from the Czech tournament yesterday because of recur ring pain in the right wrist he injured at Wimbledon this summer. He is in danger of failing to qualify for a record 12th appearance at the season-ending ATP Tour Championship. He trails Wayne Ferreira for the eighth and final place



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